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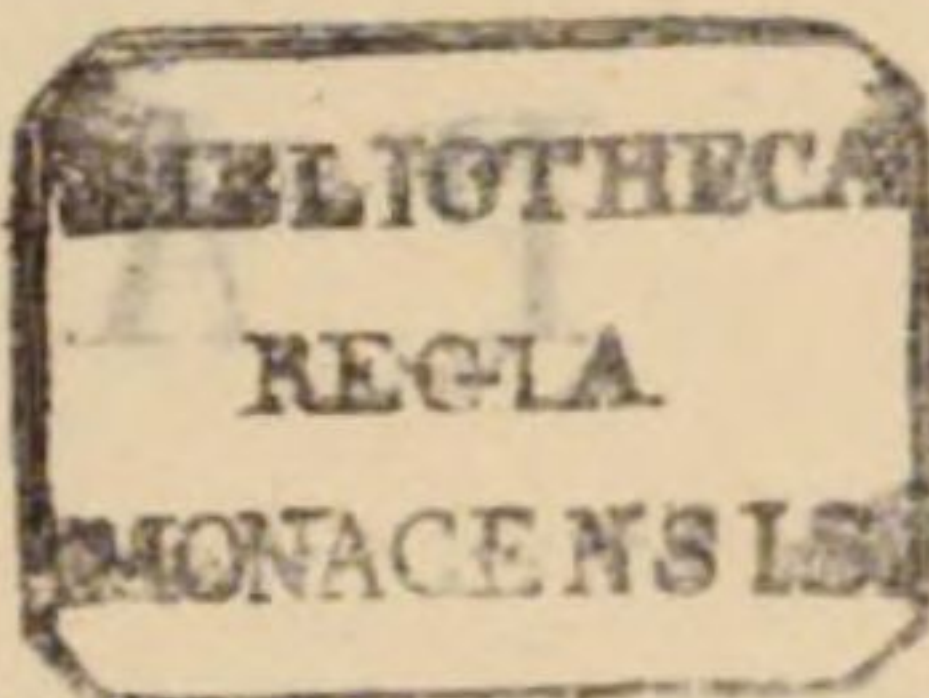
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P R E F A C E.

THE papers comprised in the present volume carry on our Calendar History of the reign of Charles I. during the greater part of the year 1637. They are exceedingly numerous, more so than in any other period of equal length throughout the whole reign. From the end of 1637 they begin to diminish in number, and after a time fall off very considerably.

The reign of Charles I. was, in every sense of the word, eventful. Not a year throughout its course but was fertile in incidents which in quiet times, and under ordinary circumstances, would have sufficed to mark a period or constitute an æra. The particular year to which the papers calendared in the present volume relate is shown by them to have been no less productive of important events than every other similar division of the reign. Indeed, there happened in the course of this year one event which gave colour to the whole remainder of our period; we allude to the commotions at Edinburgh occasioned by the endeavour to introduce into public worship the new Scottish Liturgy on the 23rd July 1637. We point attention at once to this conspicuous incident, because persons interested in this period are likely instantly to turn to our volume, in expectation of finding new information upon this momentous subject. The fact is disappointing, that there is

substantially but one paper which at all relates to it. It is dated from London, the 8th October 1637, and is written in Italian, the next paper which follows being a translation of the Italian original into English, in the well-known handwriting of G. R. Weckherlin. This paper gives, in something like the form of a news-letter, a report of the determination which had then been arrived at by the King and his Secret or Cabinet Council, on the course to be adopted by the Government in relation to the Scottish tumults, and states the view taken of that determination by the English people.

The position of circumstances at that moment was such as to render the decision of the King and his advisers of the very highest public moment. It was a test of the degree in which they understood the feelings of the Scottish people, and how far they were themselves capable of dealing in a statesmanlike manner with the grave circumstances which had arisen. On the occurrence of the tumults at Edinburgh, the Council of Scotland suspended the introduction of the Liturgy until his Majesty's pleasure was further known, and within a few days afterwards, according to the national custom, adjourned all public business from Lammas Day, the 1st of August, over harvest, or until the 17th October. In the meantime, full reports of what had occurred were sent to England.

The King was exceedingly displeased with the whole proceeding. According to a letter of Archbishop Laud, his Majesty took it very ill that the business had been so weakly carried, and expressed at once his expectation that the Scottish Council "should set themselves to it," that the Liturgy might be established orderly, and with peace. Above all things he disliked what he esteemed the weakest thing of all, the suspension of the introduction

of the Liturgy, which was pronounced to be a mere culpable giving way "to the insolency of the baser multitude."

The intervention of the long vacation gave opportunity on both sides for reconsideration. There were not wanting those who advised measures of conciliation, and represented in the strongest terms the universality and unexampled character of the stir amongst the Scottish people, the extreme rashness and want of judgment of the leading Scottish clergy, and the impolicy of the King urging any thing upon "that poor kingdom" which could not be brought to pass to his contentment. The result is stated in the paper here calendared (Vol. cccclxix., No. 41.) It intimates that the determination which had been arrived at was simply that all the ceremonies and alterations ordered to be introduced into that church should thenceforth be punctually and everywhere observed. It is well known how this decision was received in Scotland. In England, as we are here informed, it was a source of great trouble to the Puritans, who foresaw that, unless the Scots should stir against this peremptory mandate, "the bridle would be free in the King's hands to guide consciences in England, as well as in Scotland, at his pleasure." Even the Court, it is stated, was anxious as to the result, many persons being of opinion that the Scots would not easily submit.

The Government of England certainly did not at this time display any of that timidity in dealing with their own ecclesiastical matters which was complained of in their Scottish brethren. The present volume contains many papers in reference to the cases of Prynne, Burton, and Bastwick. In them the members of the three great professions were simultaneously warned of the danger of commenting upon the notions or opinions of the consti-

tuted authorities, either in church or state. The writings objected to were, in accordance with the fashion of the times, occasionally rough in language and coarse in taste.* They were also not unfrequently tainted, like all controversial publications, by the imputation of concealed motives, and by unfairness in the statement of facts. But however high we raise the estimate of the misconduct of the persons accused, it must be allowed that their punishment was not merely excessive,—it was brutal, a disgrace to the age and to our country. The judgment formed upon it by the people at large was conclusively in opposition to that of the Government. This point could be established by a multitude of authorities, and even among the papers in the present Calendar it receives striking and unquestionable corroboration.

The inhumanity of Lord Chief Justice Finch, the Jeffreys

* A remarkable proof of the coarseness of speech and language which belonged to that period occurs in our present volume. Sir John Lambe, as is well known, was a man of station and importance. He was Dean of the Arches, and Judge of the Prerogative Court, and shortly after the time of which we write was appointed Chancellor to Queen Henrietta Maria. He was a leading spirit in the Court of High Commission, and for many years was the trusted and almost the only intimate friend and adviser of Archbishop Laud. His daughter Barbara, who ultimately married Basil Fielding, Earl of Denbigh, was at this time in her spinster state. She had many suitors, and did not always manage them with the calmness which her father deemed politic. On one occasion the young lady received a written offer from a gentleman, who seems to have dwelt in his letter quite as much upon the length of his pedigree as upon the strength of his affection or the power of his purse. Miss Barbara sent the letter to her father. He was already in communication with Lord Fielding, and treated the new applicant with infinite disdain. His genealogical explanations were made a subject of acrimonious merriment. Wit or humour Sir John had none. His raillery took the most vulgar form. So coarse was it, so merely dirty and offensive, that some of his unsavoury remarks, expressed without concealment or periphrasis, and occurring in a letter addressed to his youthful daughter, were found too nasty to be inserted in our Calendar.

of his day, in commenting at the trial on what he deemed the insufficient way in which Prynne's ears had been cut off under a previous sentence, was one incident which produced a strong impression on the public mind. Calling upon the usher of the Court, the Chief Justice directed him to put back the long hair by which the poor mangled victim sought to cover the tokens of his mutilation, and exhibited to the high authorities who composed the Court how much less cruel the hangman had been than they. Sir Thomas Roe, remarking to Lord Conway on a libel published in France, shows how this incident rankled in his memory. "I received the enclosed," he writes, "this
" week from my friar, as a curiosity, and because England
" is no air for any libel, I send it to you to sea, that it may
" find salt there, for it hath gall enough. I wonder how
" they keep their ears in France, or whether their hair
" abuse us not. My Lord Finch would suspect any of that
" nation if he had seen this paper, and considered their
" locks." (Vol. ccclxiv., No. 47.)

As Bastwick passed from the Gatehouse where he was imprisoned, to Palace Yard, in order to undergo his sentence, "the light common people strewed herbs and flowers
" before him. Prynne and he stood upon one scaffold,
" and Mr. Burton upon another. They all three talked to
" the people. Bastwick said they had collar days in the
" King's Court, and this was his collar day in the King's
" palace. He was pleasant and witty all the time. Prynne
" protested his innocency to the people of what was laid
" to his charge. Mr. Burton said, it was the happiest
" pulpit he ever preached in. After two hours the hang-
" man began to cut off their ears. He began with Mr.
" Burton's. There were very many people. They wept
" and grieved much for Mr. Burton, and at the cutting off

“ each ear there was such a roaring as if every one of them
“ had at the same instant lost an ear. Bastwick gave the
“ hangman a knife, and taught him to cut off his ears
“ quickly, and very close, that he might come there no
“ more. The hangman hewed off Prynne’s ears very
“ seriously, which put him to much pain, but [and ?]
“ after, he stood long on the scaffold before his head could
“ be got out, but that was a shame.” (Vol. ccclxiii.,
“ No. 42.)

“ The common people,” remarks the same writer, “ are
extremely compassionate towards them,” (ibid., No. 119.,)
and Sir Kenelm Digby, who had recently gone back to the
church of Rome, tells us of the “ great flocking of the
people ” who accompanied Prynne and Burton’s “ pilgrim-
age to their stations in the country,” by which he means
their leaving London, on their way to the places of
their imprisonment in various castles in remote parts of
England and Wales. He remarks also on the veneration
with which the Puritans kept “ the bloody sponges and
“ handkerchiefs that did the hangman service in the
“ cutting off their ears,” adding, with something of a sneer,
“ you may see how nature leads men to respect relics of
“ martyrs.” (Vol. ccclxiv., No. 68.)

Two examinations calendared in this volume (Vol.
ccclxviii., No. 14.,) fully corroborate the facts stated
by Sir Kenelm Digby. On the removal of Prynne,
people resorted to him in the streets and highways, and
some prayed for him, some gave him good wishes, some
shook him by the hand, and others made presents to his
keepers of money and tobacco, and entreated them to be
as kind to their prisoner as they might be. At Barnet,
Prynne stayed to have his branded face and mangled
ears dressed, and there, doubtless by pre-arrangement,

about twenty of his friends met him, and gave him a farewell dinner, little dreaming how soon the system which had converted him into a martyr would crumble to pieces, how short a period would elapse before his triumphant return. His keepers found the dinner prepared, and the hosts assembled. They partook of the friendly meal, and permitted their prisoner to do the same, asking no questions, and being unable, when examined upon the subject, to reveal the names of the entertainers.

When Burton left London there occurred a similar scene, with the exception of the parting dinner. "Great store of people" met him, some exclaiming, God bless you! some God be with you! and some giving him money.

England and Wales were found too narrow to contain places of imprisonment sufficiently secluded for culprits whom the people followed so affectionately. After a few weeks they were removed to stations presumed to be more inaccessible to kindness or fellow-feeling than the mountains of North Wales, the moors of Lancashire, or the remote district of the south-westernmost county of England. At Carnarvon, in consequence of the ruinous condition of the castle, Prynne was obliged to dwell with his keeper, which was thought to be too much like liberty, although the man could not speak a word of English. The prisoner was consequently transferred to Jersey, where he fortunately found a gentleman for his gaoler, and fell into educated and compassionate society. Some objection also was discovered against Lancaster as a place of confinement for Burton, who was consequently transferred to Guernsey, whilst Bastwick was at the same time removed from Launceston to Scilly. (Vol. ccclxvii., Nos. 90, 91, 92.)

Another legal case, which occupied a great deal of attention, especially at Court, during the year 1637, and is

the subject of many papers in the present volume, was that of Bishop Williams. We have here copious notes of the long hearing of the principal suit against him which came to a sentence. In many respects it cannot be doubted that he was ill used. The spirit in which he was prosecuted was entirely that of personal spite and rancour; the means employed against him were harsh and unjustifiable; and the person principally engaged in securing his conviction, and who was not only rewarded for his pains by a gift of 1,000*l.* out of the Bishop's fine, but was even permitted to have an interview, if not several interviews, upon the subject of this case, with the King himself, was unquestionably a man of bad character. But, on the other hand, there was much in the Bishop's conduct that no one can approve. All the virtues by which he stands surrounded in the biography written by Bishop Hacket disappear before the minute acquaintance which one forms with his disposition and actions in these papers. Rash, vehement, impetuous, and yet cunning, ever ready with fulsome adulation towards the King, and not less ready with some trick or subterfuge in his war against Archbishop Laud, there is nothing in these revelations respecting him which can command respect, or be considered becoming to his cloth and dignity. We have neither space nor desire to enter upon the subject, but they who wish to do so will find a store of materials in this and our former volumes to which the indexes will direct them.

Among its many claims to notice, 1637 had the melancholy distinction of being one of the plague years of its period. A contemporary printed broadside, entitled "LONDON'S LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US," which occurs in our papers, Vol. ccclxvi., No. 81, gives an account of the deaths in London and the Liberties in each of these well-remembered years. In 1592 the interments from the

plague were 11,505 ; in 1603, 30,583 ; in 1625, 35,428 ; in 1630, 1,317 ; in 1636, 12,102 ; in 1637, down to the end of July, when the disease was just beginning to slacken its ravages, the number of deaths had been 2,876. The papers relating to this subject, or arising out of it, are extremely numerous, and some of them particularly curious. London was at that time in a condition which clearly invited plague. Its ancient boundaries were far too narrow for its increased and still increasing population. Some one has compared it to a youth who has outgrown the garments of his childhood, and is pressing out at every seam. The difficulty the Londoners felt was to find house-room, and that difficulty was wonderfully increased, if not even created, by the acts and policy of the Government. Old mansions were divided and subdivided. Many families were crowded into the space originally designed for one. Sir Francis Clarke's house, in the ward of Dowgate, contained eleven married couples and fifteen single persons (p. 180) ; in a divided house in Silver Street ten several families dwelt in so many rooms, divers of whom had also lodgers (*ibid.*). Cellars began to be occupied, and such was the demand for accommodation, and of course the temptation of a considerable rent, that the Company of Free Masons divided off a part of their common hall, and let it out as three tenements (p. 178). The warnings and threatenings of the authorities against the too great subdivision of houses, and the taking-in of inmates, were all in vain. Equally so were the outcries against the increase of filth, and sickness, and parish rates, which were the consequences. The Government determined that London ought not to be larger than it was ; and every attempt to build upon a piece of vacant ground, or any where save upon an old foundation, was severely repressed.

Commissioners of Buildings, with Inigo Jones as their surveyor, watched every paltry erection, even a lean-to against a garden wall, with the sternest jealousy, and speculative persons who ventured to build a row of new houses in the suburbs were pounced upon by the Council, and compelled to submit to their destruction.

A report from the College of Physicians to the Council, on the annoyances conceived likely to increase the sickness "in this populous city," is one of the papers on this subject which principally merit attention (Vol. ccclxvi., No. 78). It treats upon this very question of the increase of the metropolis and the subdivision of houses, but in a way entirely different from that in which experience and other principles of judgment teach us to view it. By the increase of buildings they argued that multitudes were drawn to London to inhabit, by which means the air was offended, and provision was made more scarce, which are the two prime means of begetting or increasing the plague. Without pausing to comment on the fallacies which are mixed up in this argument, we may add, that the practical suggestions with which the physicians follow it up are most of them such as nowadays every body allows. At that time it would seem that there was in London almost every possible breach of sanitary arrangement. Of inmates we have already spoken. Houses, the physicians declared, were so pestered with them, that in the last great plague—that we presume of 1625—the disease in houses in which they were allowed was most pernicious. There was great defect in cleansing the sewers and town ditches, and standing ponds in inns were permitted to become extremely offensive, even to the surrounding neighbourhood. To these the physicians add, the uncleanness of the streets and the abominable state of the gutters. They next comment on laystalls, in which the filth of the sewers was

accumulated and made into hills; "and much thereof, before it be well rotted, is employed to enrich common gardens, making thereby our cabbages, and many of our herbs, unwholesome." To these sources of infection they add slaughter-houses and their enormities; burials of the corpses of infected persons in churches and churchyards; removals of bodies "not fully wasted" to make room for fresh interments; carrying up funnels to the tops of houses from privies and vaults of the dead; the use of musty corn, of unsound malt, and unclean casks; the sale of the flesh of diseased cattle as food and of fish tainted and out of season. For the prevention of these "inconveniences, and many more," the physicians recommended the institution of an Office of Health, and pointed out that in Spain and Italy, countries which had taken the lead in this branch of civilization, such an office or commission had been found useful.

Whenever the King was about to pass through any part of London or the suburbs, letters were addressed by the Council to the Lord Mayor, and beyond the city boundaries to the Justices of Peace or the parish constables, to cleanse the streets. Accumulations of filth were then hastily removed, and some little attention was given to the repair of dangerous places in the roads. Whilst the plague lasted, the chief authorities quitted the infected city, the visited houses were closed and watched, the inmates were supplied with necessaries by the watchmen stationed in the streets to enforce the regulations prescribed for stamping out the disease, and the principal management of affairs was left to them, to the scavengers, and to the drivers of the burial carts. When the disease subsided there was a great return of inhabitants, and of course much to be done in the way of cleansing and fumigation. In the

present year the King paid an unexpected visit to the outskirts of the city before the return of the Court. What he then saw and heard produced a letter to the Lord Mayor from Secretary Coke, which disclosed the exact state of things. The secretary intimated that his Majesty had been convinced that there was not sufficient care taken

* * * for prevention of further contagion, and then proceeded with the following passage :

“Though his Majesty hath heard of some who by the overmuch care of themselves are so far transported [as] to have no sense of others, that they nourish a conceit as if the plague came only by Providence, and not by infection, and that it is to no purpose to endeavour to prevent it by any human means, yet his Majesty assureth himself that none [such] are thought worthy by the wisdom of the city to have any place or voice in the government, and therefore his Majesty conceiveth that the only cause of some slowness in the using of these ordinary remedies is the long absence of the aldermen and men of quality . . . which are but lately or scarce yet come to town. But, considering God’s great mercy hath in a manner ceased the mortality, so as daily multitudes of all sorts repair again to their dwellings, now, that by our wilful neglect of these ordinary means of preservation those that come out of fresh air may not be drawn into danger, and God, by our unthankfulness and presumption, provoked more to punish us, and that by a good course taken * * * both his Majesty may be invited to bring his Court back hither, that the terms may be kept here, and that trade may be recovered by the confluence of citizens and strangers, as heretofore, his Majesty * * * has required me * * * to put you again in mind of these things, not doubting but his Lords will require an account of the directions they have given, but to incite you in imitation of his own royal care of you to take care of yourselves. First * * * to cause the streets to be kept sweet * * * and then to appoint in every street some careful and discreet men to take order that in all lodgings and places where the infection hath been the glass may be taken down,* the rooms and stuff well aired, and

* Bishop Percy mentions, in his Introduction to the Northumberland Household Book (p. xvii.), that in a survey of Alnwick Castle made in

fires made therein, with such other means of health as in your own wisdoms and by the advice of the College of Physicians shall be thought necessary." (Vol. ccclxx., No. 86.)

The plague interfered in some places very considerably with the levy of the ship-money, which, in 1637, was in the course of its fourth annual collection. Bury St. Edmunds, Hadleigh, Colchester, and other places made strong, and in some cases successful, appeals for an abatement. But by the continual watchfulness of Nicholas, the clerk of the Council, who was specially appointed to manage this business, and by the King's own personal attention given to the subject at his Sunday sittings in Council, the whole amount was more nearly collected during the current year than on any previous occasion. The sheriffs were in a manner made personally liable for the amount, and many of them, who were short in the amount received, paid in the full sum rather than appear before the King and Council, as they were summoned to do, to give account of what was esteemed their great negligence in the performance of their most important official duty. The correspondence on this account makes up a very large portion of the present volume. Scarcely a county was without its complaint; and what with charges of over-assessment on the one hand, and refractoriness, as it was termed, in nonpayment, on the other, the Council, Nicholas, and the referees in cases of difficulty, were kept fully employed in this novel business. In the meantime, the suits in which the legality of the imposition was to be brought in question in the courts of law were slowly approaching their termination. In November 1637, Hampden's suit

1567, it was recommended that when "my Lord quitted any of his castles or houses" the whole lights of every window should be taken down and be laid up in safety. Sash windows, it will be borne in mind, are of much more recent introduction.

first came on for argument, but judgment was not given until the following June.

Allusions occur in the course of the present volume to what was doing in the other still pending suit instituted for the same purpose as Hampden's by Lord Saye (pp. 155, 237, 252).

The application of the amount produced by the ship-money writs was this year both more and less satisfactory than on any previous occasion; more so, in so far as related to an expedition to Sallee, which procured the release of about three hundred English captives, and relieved for a time our western coasts from those piratical incursions which of late years had been of almost annual recurrence.*

* A singular story is told in Vol. cclxx., No. 12, from which it may be inferred that these piratical ships were indebted for the accurate knowledge of the coast of England, which they so frequently displayed, and which rendered it so difficult to capture them, to English renegades. The story alluded to is that of Thomas Norton, a native of Devonshire. Being a ship carpenter, he was taken at sea, about the year 1620, by a Turkish pirate, and carried to Algiers. He was there sold as a slave, and continued in that condition for "divers years," at the end of which "he took an opportunity, and ran from his patron of Algiers to Sallee." Working there at his trade, he got employment at the rate of 4s. a day, and occasionally took a share in a piratical voyage. Things prospered with him, he saved money, and continued "at his own dispose" for several years. His patron of Algiers having at length discovered his whereabouts, repaired to Sallee, and claimed him as his slave. Norton ransomed himself out of his savings, and resumed his former occupation at Sallee, where he acquired the reputation of exceeding the Turks themselves in his cruelty to his own countrymen. In 1636 he sailed from Sallee as lieutenant of a piratical cruiser. On the coast of France they fell in with a ship of Dartmouth, laden with fish. They captured and rifled her, taking away her lading, crew, sails, ammunition, cables, and turning the ship adrift on a rocky coast, whither the owners saw her impelled and beaten to pieces. Now came the day of retribution. The Salleeman was lost in a storm near Rochelle, but those on board escaped. The Christians were released by the French; the Turks were permitted to repair to Sallee. In this plight Norton took his passage on board an English ship for Dartmouth.

The course of Capt. Rainsborough's expedition, and its results, appear in our volume.

The achievements of the Great Fleet, as it was termed, commanded by the Earl of Northumberland, did not, in 1637, literally amount to anything at all. The only attempt to accomplish any specific object was so trifling, and so little to the credit of the English Government and the English name, that it would be well if it could be erased from historical memory for ever.

The fleet was appointed to be ready on the 1st April, and the ships were actually manned and provisioned very shortly afterwards. On the 15th April the Earl of Northumberland received his instructions, but before that day a considerable number of his ships were in the Downs, under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir John Pennington, in the *Swiftsure*. Pennington remained there in a state of inactivity and bewilderment from the beginning of April until the middle of June. The Earl then joined the fleet in the *Triumph*, and at the end of that month convoyed the Elector Palatine and Prince Rupert across the Channel to Holland. This was the great event of his command on this occasion. He subsequently cruised away to the west, as far as the Land's End. The weather was unusually bad. Scarcely a sail was to be seen in the Channel except those of "the poor fishers that dwell upon the coast" (p. 400); and after a few weeks the Earl returned to the Downs. On the 6th September he received

Landing there he resumed his trade of a carpenter, and so lived, until some persons, "unto whom he had been hard at Sallee," chanced to recognize him. Information was given; he was arrested; taken before a justice; committed to Exeter Gaol; was put upon his trial, and upon evidence of his complicity in many robberies and piracies was sentenced to death, and no doubt executed.

the King's permission to arrange for sending his ships some to Chatham and some to Portsmouth, except a winter fleet, which was to remain out under Pennington. That business settled, the Earl returned joyfully to land. Throughout the command he had been kept in a state of thorough annoyance; "no man," he wrote to Sir Thomas Roe, "was ever more desirous of a charge than I am to be quit of mine, being in a condition where I see I can neither do service nor gain credit." (Vol. ccclxv., No. 28.)

During the Earl's cruise to the west there occurred the solitary attempt at performing a piece of service to which we have alluded. Last year, as appeared in our previous volume, the Earl was employed to force upon the Dutch fishermen licences from his Majesty for plying their trade off the eastern coast of England. Tendered as they were by ships-of-war, the licences were received and paid for, but the Government and people of Holland instantly took fire. They were prepared to contest his Majesty's claim to the sovereignty of the seas, even by war; and in order to prevent a recurrence of the enforcement of such a claim, they sent out, on the present occasion, ships-of-war with their fishermen. There was then an endeavour made on the part of the English Government to procure a virtual recognition of the King's sovereignty from the Spanish Government in Flanders, by obtaining their passes for all fishermen who took our King's licences. This having failed, "his Majesty hath hereupon commanded me," writes Secretary Windebank to the Earl of Northumberland (Vol. ccclxiii., No. 21.), "to send your Lordship these licences, being about 200, which go herewith; and withal his pleasure is, that you despatch immediately one of the merchant ships under your charge (being not

“ willing to employ any of his own until it appear what
“ the success will be) toward the north with these licences,
“ with order to make offer of them to the fishers, and if
“ they accept them, to distribute them at the same rates
“ they were taken the last year. And if such as take
“ them shall desire to be safe-conducted in their return,
“ your Lordship is to assure them his Majesty will take
“ them into his protection, and cause some of his fleet to
“ accompany them homewards for their defence.”

Anything more futile than this cunning little proposed bye-play with the fishermen can scarcely be imagined. Northumberland seems to have been desirous to force upon the King and his Secretary a little reconsideration, and wrote for instructions upon a point which was already sufficiently clear. His letter brought further explanation.

“ The truth is, his Majesty in this present conjuncture is not willing to proceed so roundly with them [*i.e.* the Dutch fishermen] as he hath done heretofore, and therefore thinks fit to hold this way of inviting them fairly to acknowledge his right without sending his whole fleet, which would be a manifest engagement and obligation to him in honour to perfect the work upon any conditions, and notwithstanding any opposition whatsoever, and might be of dangerous consequence, and destructive to the present condition of his affairs. And therefore he chooses rather to attempt it with as little noise as may be, that if the business take not in this way it may receive the less blow, and in case of their refusal he may have time deliberately to consider what resolution to settle.” (Ibid. No. 41.)

Capt. Richard Fielding was sent on this employment in a merchant ship called the Unicorn of London. As soon as he arrived among the fishing busses, one of the Holland men-of-war came and lay by his lee. When the Dutch captain understood the nature of Fielding's errand, he desired him to speak with his Admiral. Fielding did so. The Admiral's answer, and that of the other commanders,

was, that they durst not let Fielding's boat pass among the busses before they had order from their masters.

Thus the business came practically to an end, but not so the comments upon it, which were of a nature far from pleasant to the King. To blunt their edge, and if it were possible to make the world believe that the act of folly had been in truth an act of generosity, Mr. Secretary Windebank, shortly after Capt. Fielding's return, wrote thus to Capt. Richard Fogg, who had the command in the Downs in the absence of the Earl of Northumberland in the west:—

✓ “There hath been a great report raised here that the Hollanders have refused his Majesty's licences to fish in his seas intended to have been offered them by Capt. Fielding. But it is utterly mistaken, seeing Capt. Fielding was sent to the busses to offer them protection, his Majesty having understood that the Dunkirkers had prepared a great strength to intercept them in their return from the fishing, which his Majesty in love to them sent Capt. Fielding to give them notice of, and to offer them safe conduct. This you are publicly to advow whensoever there shall be occasion, and to cry down the other discourse as scandalous and derogatory to his Majesty's honour.” (Vol. ccclxv., No. 51.)

On the same day Secretary Windebank wrote also to the Earl of Northumberland on the same subject.

“Besides the direction I have given to Capt. Fogg to suppress the report of the Holland fishers refusing his Majesty's licences offered them, whereof his Majesty is very sensible, I had special commandment from his Majesty to give the same in charge to your lordship, and that you should do it in the same way that I have directed him, namely, that his being sent to the busses was to give them notice of the forces prepared by the Dunkirkers to intercept them in their return, and to offer them his Majesty's protection, but no licences; that of the licences being to be cried down, and the other to be advowed and reported through the whole fleet. To which purpose your lordship is to instruct Capt. Fielding, whom his Majesty understands to have been too free in spreading the

former report, and therefore he is to be admonished to be more reserved hereafter in such great services, and in the meantime to make reparation by divulging this and suppressing the former." (Vol. ccclxv., No. 53.)

The Earl of Northumberland, in a private letter written nearly three years after this time, declared that he believed Secretary Windebank to be "the basest and falsest creature that lives." (Sydney Papers, II., 655.) The transaction which we have disclosed may have been one of those upon which the Earl founded his belief.

The present volume, like all its predecessors, contains many valuable papers respecting the evil fortunes of the Queen of Bohemia. We have here a narrative, told piecemeal in several letters, of the endeavours made in vain by the young Elector Palatine to induce his uncle, King Charles, to give him assistance towards the recovery of his hereditary dominions. He and his brother Prince Rupert remained in England until near the end of July 1637, Rupert entering energetically into all the gaieties of the Court, and his elder brother learning by severe experience the bitterness of a long-continued series of fruitless supplications. The King, no doubt, felt an interest in his nephew's fortunes, and desired to assist him, but when definite proposals were put before him he never could see anything in them but their difficulties. There was sure to be some obstacle to his doing what was desired at the particular moment when it was asked. Worn out by a policy which looked like subterfuge, the Queen of Bohemia recalled her sons. They were dismissed with all possible kindness and show of favour. The young Elector was of a nature which rendered his residence at Court or anywhere else harmless, but Rupert was in a position of danger. His youth, remarks Sir Thomas Roe, is too precious to be trained here.

“ It is infinite pity he is not employed according to his
“ genius, for whatsoever he undertakes he doth it vigor-
“ ously and seriously. His nature is active and spriteful,
“ and may be compared to steel, which is the commanding
“ mettle, if it be rightly tempered and disposed, for he
“ that hath the best sword will take any other man’s gold,
“ which commands all things.” (Vol. ccclxii., No. 2.)

Papers in the present year, 1637, show what was probably a re-introduction into this country of the practice of voting by ballot in matters of public business. The regulation of the English churches in Holland in strict conformity with the usages of the National Church was a subject to which the active mind of Archbishop Laud did not fail to give attention. These churches afforded a harbour of refuge to dissatisfied spirits among the clergy of this country, and, under their guidance, congregations were apt to lay aside the Book of Common Prayer, and deviate into other irregularities, which were regarded with great repugnance by the Archbishop. In restraining these variations, a great deal depended upon the deputies or resident agents at the mart or staple towns of the company of Merchant Adventurers, who had large establishments in those towns for the management of their traffic in cloth, then the principal article of commerce between England and the centre of Europe. The appointment of the deputy was, therefore, a great object, ecclesiastically as well as commercially, and Archbishop Laud strove earnestly that these offices should fall into the hands of persons friendly to his views. On a particular vacancy of the deputyship at Rotterdam, the King recommended the appointment of Edward Misselden, a member of the Merchant Adventurers, and a very well-known person, but for some reasons, which it is not necessary to enter into, extremely unpopular with a large body

of the company. The royal recommendation was unfavourably received. It was replied to by the production of certain charges against Mr. Misselden, and, in the end, the vote of the court or governing body of the company was not favourable to his election.

When the result was reported to the Council, it also appeared that the Company had come to their determination on the choice propounded by his Majesty by a vote taken by ballot. The King was present in Council when this report was made, and set his face very determinedly against this presumed novelty in English voting. His Majesty ordered, “ with the advice of the Board . . . that a balloting box
“ shall be no more used by the said Company, nor by any
“ other company in any of their elections or other businesses, as they tender his Majesty’s displeasure, and will
“ answer the same at the Board.” These words occurred as part of an order which contained other matters specially applicable to the Merchant Adventurers. That there might be no mistake, another order of a general character was made on the same day, to be communicated to all corporations, and especially to the city companies, for their guidance. It runs thus :—

“ At Hampton Court this 17th of September 1637.

“ His Majesty this day sitting in Council, taking into consideration the manifold inconveniences that may arise by the use of balloting boxes, which is of late begun to be practised by some corporations and companies, did declare his utter dislike thereof, and with the advice of their lordships ordered that no corporation nor company, either within the city of London and liberties, or elsewhere in this his Majesty’s kingdom, shall use or permit to be used, in any business whatsoever, any balloting box, as they tender his Majesty’s displeasure, and will answer the contrary at their peril ; whereof as well the Lord Mayor of the city of London for the time being, and all other Mayors and head Officers of Corporations, as all Governors, Masters, and Wardens of all companies in and about the cities of

London and Westminster, and elsewhere, are to take notice, and to see this his Majesty's pleasure and commandment duly observed." (Vol. ccclxvii., No. 85.)*

Papers relating to church affairs abound in our volume. As specimens, we shall refer to some few of particular curiosity or importance.

i. An explanatory order by Bishop Davenant, of Salisbury, prohibiting the removal of the communion table from the east wall of the chancel of the church of Aldbourn in Wilts. (Vol. ccclvi., No. 122.)

ii. A letter from the King to the Corporation of York, requiring them to attend the service in the cathedral on Sundays and holidays, but forbidding the Lord Mayor to use the ensigns of his authority within the church. The Lord Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen were further ordered "at some solemn times in every year" to receive the communion in the said church, "to manifest their

* It was at first too hastily concluded that these papers referred to the primary introduction of voting by ballot in public business in this country, but evidence occurs in the Repertories of the City of London that a new gilt box, brought in by the Chamberlain, whereon was written these words "Yea" and "Nay," and into which the voters dropped "white or black peas," was used for taking divisions in the Court of Aldermen for, at any event, seven years during the reign of Henry VIII. (See Orridge's 'Account of the Citizens of London and their Rulers. Lond. 8vo. [1867], p. 260.) A subsequent endeavour to introduce the ballot-box into the House of Commons is worthy of observation. In October 1646, when the Civil War was at an end, and the person of the King was about to be delivered up to the Parliament, a committee was appointed by the House of Commons for considering and reporting what payment ought to be made to major-generals. On the same day the question was propounded for referring to the same committee to consider of a balloting box, and the use of it, and to present their opinions to the House. On a division on the previous question Cromwell and Sir Arthur Hazelrig were tellers for the noes, who were 54, Sir Philip Stapleton and Sir William Lewes tellers of the yeas, who were 55. The original question being then put, with the same tellers, the yeas were 54 and the noes 56, "so that the question passed with the negative."—Journ. Commons, IV. 690.

“ conformity to the orders established in the said church.

“ (Vol. ccclxiii., No. 9.)

iii. A certificate of the performance of penance, and consequent absolution, of the churchwardens of Beckington, Somerset, who had been excommunicated for not placing the communion table of that church under the east wall of the chancel, and had “ in most contemptuous manner ” stood excommunicated for one whole year, “ not
“ regarding nor fearing the dreadful censure of the Church,
“ and have likewise some days last past stood aggravated,
“ and have been signified unto the King’s most excellent
“ Majesty for the apprehending their bodies and committing them to the common gaol of the county of Somerset,
“ the rather to compel them to their due obedience to the
“ lawful command of the Church.” (Vol. ccclxiii., No. 91.)

iv. A similar certificate of the performance of penance for incontinency by Sir Edward Bellingham, in the church of Newtimber, Sussex. The penitent, being arrayed in a white linen sheet over his clothes and a long white wand in his hand, was to stand near the minister’s reading desk or pew, and immediately after the reading of the gospel, in the sight and hearing of the congregation was to say after the minister a prescribed form of what would now be deemed exceedingly coarse words. In these he acknowledged his offence, and declared that he was heartily sorry for the same, and earnestly repented thereof, and craved pardon of Almighty God, and forgiveness of all whom he had thereby offended. He added that he faithfully promised and purposed (God assisting him) never thereafter to commit the like offence, and that he might keep his promise, he desired all present to pray with him and for him, saying, Our Father, &c. (Vol. ccclxv., No. 30.)

v. Church notes taken during an ecclesiastical visitation of probably the archdeaconry of Buckingham. They comprise notes of the condition of about 120 churches in the county of Buckingham. The state of the fabric, and of the seats, the communion table with its fittings, the pulpit, reading desk, and font, the vestments of the clergy, the service books, the register, the organ, the poor man's box, and all the ordinary furniture of a church are here mentioned, and in many cases with a great variety of curious particulars. We have printed in the Calendar, at p. 398, the entry relating to Beaconsfield, from which the nature of these notes may be inferred. (Vol. ccclxvi., No. 79., and Vol. ccclxix., No. 59.) And we may add, that under Horton, the parish to which Milton's father retired from his business in Bread Street, besides many other particulars which tend to give us a notion of the state of the fabric of the church, with its ornaments and furniture, at the very time when Milton himself worshipped in it for several years, we learn that MR. MILTON's seat, like those of several of his fellow parishioners, fell under the condemnation of the archdeacon or other visitor, as being probably an inch or two above the strict uniformity of the regulation height. Other parishes will yield much matter of curiosity or interest, especially to local inquirers; we therefore add in a note * a list of all

*Adstock.	Bletchley.	Chalfont, St. Giles's.
Agmondesham.	Boveney Chapel.	Chalfont, St. Peter's.
Akeley.	Bradenham.	Cheddington.
Aston Sandford.	Brickhill, Bow.	Chenies.
Astwood.	Brickhill, Bow, Chapel.	Chetwood.
Barton Hartshorn.	Brickhill Magna.	Chicheley.
Beachampton.	Broughton.	Claydon, East.
Beaconsfield.	Burnham.	Claydon, Middle.
Beedlow.	Caversfield.	Claydon, Steeple.

the churches which are treated of in these papers. (See Vol. ccclxvi., No. 79.)

vi. In Vol. ccclxii., No. 57. is a petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Clungunford, co. Salop, to Archbishop Laud, which sets forth that Clungunford is "a spacious wide parish," and contains "many very old and ancient people," and that there has been amongst them an ancient custom time out of mind, that at the feast of Easter, after

Colnbrook, Chapel.	Illmire.	Saunderton.
Datchett.	Iver.	Shalstone.
Denham.	Ivinghoe.	Shenley.
Dinton.	Kimble Magna.	Slapton.
Dorney.	Kingsey.	Soulbury.
Drayton Beauchamp.	Langley Marsh.	Stoke Hammond.
Eddlesborough.	Leckhampstead.	Stoke Poges.
Edgecott.	Lillingstone.	Stowe.
Ellesborough.	Linslade.	Taplow.
Farnham Royal.	Loughton.	Thornborough.
Fawley.	Maidsmorton.	Thornton.
Fingest.	Marlow, Great.	Tingewick.
Foxcott.	Marlow, Little.	Turville.
Fulmer.	Marsh [Gibbon].	Turweston.
Grendon.	Marsworth.	Twyford.
Grove Parva.	Medmenham.	Upton.
Haddenham.	Mentmore.	Walton.
Hambleton.	Milton Keynes.	Water Stratford.
Hardmead.	Missenden, Great.	Wavendon.
Hartwell.	Missenden, Little.	Wendover.
Hedgerley.	Moulsoe.	Westbury.
Hedgerley Bulstrode	Nettleden, St. Lawrence.	Wexham.
Chapel.	Newton Longueville.	Whaddon.
Hedsor.	Padbury.	Wing.
Hillesdon.	Penn.	Wingrave.
Hitcham.	Piglesthorne.	Woburn, Bishops.
Hitchenden.	Preston.	Wycombe, Great.
Hogshaw.	Quainton.	Wycombe, West.
Horsendon.	Radclive.	Wyrardisbury.
Horton.	Radnage.	
Hulcott.	Risborough, Princes.	

evening prayer, the parson always provided a church-feast in the church of bread and cheese and ale or beer, for the refreshing of those ancient people that repaired to evening prayer, having received the holy sacrament the same day in the morning, and also for relief of the poor of the parish that repair thither for relief, and have always had sufficient provision of bread and cheese given them by the inhabitants to serve them and their families a good space afterwards. About 50 years past it was ordered by the then Archbishop of Canterbury that this feast should be thenceforth kept, not in the church but in the parsonage house. It had been so kept until the last Easter, when Samuel Barkeley, the present rector, discontinued the custom altogether. The inhabitants appealed to the archbishop for its revival. His Grace's answer was not encouraging: "I shall not go about to break this custom, so it be done in the parsonage house in a neighbourly and decent way; but I cannot approve of the continuance of it in the church, and if ever I shall hear it be so done again I will not fail to call the offenders into the High Commission." The peculiarities in this case are of course the ale and beer, the general dole of bread and cheese provided by the inhabitants, and that the aged recipients seem to have consumed the articles provided for their feast in the church. In these respects it differed from the distributions of bread which still continue in some churches.*

vii. In Vol. ccclxx., No. 90., there occurs a paper of articles in the Court of High Commission against Anthony

* At Benenden in Kent there is, or was until lately, a general distribution on Easter Sunday of rolls of a peculiar form to all comers. (See Brand's *Popular Antiquities*, ed. 1854, vol 1. p. 94, and Hone's *Every Day Book*, ii., 443.)

Bourne and Edmund Hewitt, churchwardens of Knotting in the county of Bedford, which discloses a state of things almost analogous to the mediæval *Fête de l'Ane*. Without that recollection it would be incredible. It is charged against them that upon Shrove Tuesday in the years 1634, 1635, and 1636, fighting cocks were brought into the chancel of the church of Knotting, and cock-fighting was there held in front of the communion table, in the presence of many persons assembled as spectators of the sport, who betted and laid wagers and performed "the other offices ordinarily used by cock-fighters." It was also charged that the churchwardens, with a son of Anthony Bourne, Mr. Alvey, the minister of the parish, and some of his sons, and many other persons, both youths and men, were present on the occasion, and "laughed and sported, and used other gestures and carriages belonging to cock-fighting." The result of the proceedings has not been discovered.

In spite of plague and all other drawbacks, the year 1637 had its share, although with maimed ceremonies, of those events which interest the general public, and furnish materials for the news writer. Our Calendar deals with many such incidents. One was the launch of the King's Great Ship, esteemed a marvel of magnitude and beauty of construction. She was in length, by the keel, 127 feet; in breadth, within side the plank, $46\frac{1}{2}$ feet; in depth, from the upper edge of the keel to the line of her extreme breadth, 19 feet 4 inches; in ton and tonnage, by the new rule, 1,522 tons, by the old rule, 1,823. (Vol. ccclxi., No. 71.) The King was very anxious to have her launched. The 25th September 1637 was the earliest possible date. His Majesty determined for it. More experienced heads suggested that there would

be a saving of expense and time, and that it would be more convenient in many ways if the launch were delayed until the 5th of February. The King's answer was peremptory: "I am not of your opinion." (Ibid., No. 73.) Many persons thought that his Majesty would change his mind; but it was not so. The launch took place as ordered, but with little ceremony. The ship received the proud name of the Sovereign of the Seas, and we find Peter Pett, the builder, or his son, petitioning that, according to the King's promise, he might have the silver cup with which she had been christened, worth about 40s. (Vol. ccclxx., No. 82.) After she was launched, the King directed that she should be carried down to Erith. The Officers of the Navy reported that the open river at that place was a bad situation for her to lie in. Two ships had been injured by ice in that very spot during the last winter. But the King's order was imperative, so, with much work still to be done upon her, to Erith she was floated down, there to lie exposed and useless during the winter. (Vol. ccclxxi., No. 89; and see p. 544.)

Two noble marriages are mentioned in the course of this Volume. One was that of the Lady Mary Villiers, only daughter of the favourite Buckingham. Nearly three years before this time, when little more than a child, she had been united to Lord Charles Herbert, son of Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, but her youthful husband died at Florence of the small pox before they came to live together. The King's influence brought about, although not without difficulty, a match between the young widow and his Majesty's relative, James, Duke of Lennox. They were united on the 3rd August 1637, with as much splendour as could be

managed in a capital forsaken by all persons who could get away. Archbishop Laud informs us, in his Diary, that he married the young couple in his chapel at Lambeth; that the day was very rainy, and that the King was present. Our papers add, that the King gave away the bride, and that he and the Queen came on the occasion from Oatlands. The Duchess of Buckingham, the mother of the bride, conducted her daughter to the Archbishop's palace. Being a Roman Catholic, the Duchess did not enter the chapel, but after the service she accompanied the King, with the bride and bridegroom, to York House, which was her residence. There her Majesty was waiting for them, and there the Duchess feasted their Majesties, with their court, "extremely nobly." At night their Majesties put the bride and bridegroom in bed, and visited them the next morning on their way from Somerset House to Oatlands. There follows a list of the principal persons who were present, and it is added that there was no dancing nor any other entertainment than a comedy, wherein the Queen was better content to venture for an ill one than to choose any which she had already seen.* The only presents that are commemorated are those of Frances, Duchess Dowager of Richmond and Lennox, widow of Ludovick, the second Duke of Lennox, uncle to the bridegroom, who, on the morning of the marriage, sent 5,000*l.* worth of jewels to the bride, and 5,000*l.* in pieces to the Duke. (Vol. ccclxv., No. 25.)

The other marriage of the year was that of the Lady Anne

* Besides the Queen's fondness for dramatic entertainments, there might on this occasion be some feeling of compassion for the "poor players," whose performances had been long prohibited on account of the plague; see the passages referred to in our Index under the title "Plays and Players."

Carr, the only child of the Earl of Somerset, the favourite of James I., by the too-celebrated Frances Howard, the divorced wife of the Earl of Essex. The story of the strong attachment which sprung up between Lady Anne and Lord Russell, the heir to the earldom of Bedford, who had been warned by his father against falling in love with the daughter of such a mother, is well known. The prohibition led to its own breach; but it was very difficult to reconcile the Earl of Bedford to the family connexion. When the strength and energy of the mutual affection of the young couple became apparent, friends strove to overcome the Earl's repugnance, but in vain. Ultimately the King took upon him to be their solicitor. The Earl then yielded, and the marriage took place, but, as we are told in a paper in Vol. ccclxiii., No. 119., "with all the privacy" "that might be. They kept their marriage at Mr. Carr's" "house, right against the Burse in the Strand. It was" "so private as there was very little notice taken of it." *

Among deaths during 1637, besides those of the Earls of Norwich, Bath, and Clare, and of Lord Petre, there was one which merits more notice than we can bestow upon it—that of RARE BEN JONSON. His mere name, and the recollection of what he had done, had for some years kept alive his art in England; poetry died for a time with him. None of his poetical sons inherited enough of his inspiration to be worthy to be regarded as his successor. His death is noticed in our volume in connexion with the vacancy it occasioned in one of his offices; that of historian or historiographer to

* The Earl was ultimately won over by the many good qualities of his beautiful daughter-in-law. She had a very large family, and among them was the mother of the celebrated William Lord Russell, executed in 1683. Her husband became the first Duke of Bedford, by creation in 1694.

the city of London. The King recommended Thomas May to be appointed his successor. (Vol. ccclxvi., No. 66.)

Illustrations of manners abound throughout the volume. We will quote two examples illustrative of the then dangers of traversing the streets of London, and one connected with a popular superstition, probably not yet quite extinct.

On the 3rd of July 1637, about ten o'clock in the morning, three gentlemen who had been at the Dutch Ambassador's house in Warwick Lane were returning westwards down Snow Hill. They were Mr. John Mohun, son and heir of Lord Mohun, Cassius Borough, son of Sir John Borough, Garter, and the Rev. Obadiah Gossop, chaplain to Lord Mohun. In attendance upon them were a servant of Mr. Mohun and a page of Lord Mohun. Crossing Snow Hill to avoid a cart which was standing in the way (there was no pavement in those days,) they had scarcely got to the other side of the street when a coach crossed over, as they had done, to avoid the cart, and came suddenly upon them. Mr. Mohun was the foremost of the party, and the horses of the coach were so close to him as to put him in danger of being crushed against the houses. In self-defence, Mr. Mohun struck **one** of the horses with a cane which he had in his hand. The coachman then lashed Mr. Mohun with his whip, who in return struck at him with his cane, and thus there passed several blows on either side. Mr. Mohun's servant, whose name was John Ennis, a Dutchman, seeing the fray, drew his sword in his master's defence, and aimed at the coachman. Thereupon one that sat in the boot of the coach followed the servant's example, and made several thrusts at Mr. Mohun, which he fortunately

“bore off” with his cane. Cassius Borough in the meantime perceiving that the *mêlée* was becoming general, drew his sword, rather, he states, to defend himself than to offend others; but at that moment Lord Savage, who was in the coach, and whose coach it was, which none of them had known up to that moment, called out to Cassius Borough by name, which occasioned him to desist. The coachman at the same time urged on his horses, and just as the coach was passing, Mr. Mohun, who had now got out his sword, struck at the coach, apparently at random, and without knowing that he ran a risk of hurting any one. It so happened that Lord Lumley, who was sitting with Lord Savage in the coach, was wounded. The Mohun party were taken before Mr. Secretary Windebank, and young Mohun was committed by order of the Council to the Fleet; to which order the King, as we are told, subsequently added a direction that the Attorney General should put an information against Mohun into the Star Chamber. (Vol. cccxiii., Nos. 36, 37, and 119.)

The other case happened to no less a person than a grandson of Queen Elizabeth's Lord Burghley, the Earl of Exeter, who lived in the old priory house of St. John of Jerusalem in Clerkenwell. This great nobleman was riding in his coach, with all customary state, when two draymen, William Willis and John Collins, in mere wilfulness ran their cart against the Earl's vehicle, and overthrew it. It does not appear that there ensued any particular damage, but the draymen were insolent, and probably drunken. Before the collision, “those that were with my Lord willed them to stand still till the coach was past.” The draymen merely replied “Hold your prating!” and drove on.

The draymen were committed to the New Prison in Clerk-

enwell, and afterwards were brought before the Council. It was ordered that they should be indicted; and not satisfied with leaving them to the law, the Council further directed that they should be "whipped through the town." The jurors either thought the whipping to be irregular, or considered it sufficient, and therefore, contrary, as it is said, "to the testimony of four witnesses," acquitted the prisoners. The matter was again brought before the Council on the 19th July 1637, at a sitting in which the King deigned to be present, and "it was thought fit and ordered by his Majesty and the Board" that Willis and Collins should be presently whipped publicly through the town, as well for their bold and insolent carriage towards the Earl, as also for an example to deter others from the like insolencies and misdemeanours. After their whipping they were to be committed to Bridewell to be kept at work till further order.

Either this order was in the first instance humanely misunderstood by the clerk of the Council, or an imperfect copy of it was sent by mistake to the King, for on the 11th July there came a letter to Secretary Coke from Lord Holland, intimating that his Majesty, having seen the order, conceived there was a mistake in drawing it up, "his purpose being that these fellows should have a public, not a private, punishment for example to others," thereby "to terrify and humble these rude and barbarous persons. "Sir," the Earl continued, addressing the Secretary, "the enquiry and performance of this his Majesty hath commanded me to lay upon you, and to give him an account of it."

On the day following the date of this letter the sentence of the Council was carried out. The prisoners were publicly whipped through the town, at a cart, and were after-

wards committed to Bridewell. (Vol. ccclxiii., Nos. 18, 82, and 104.)

Several papers occur relating to a number of cures supposed to be worked by the touch of the hand of a seventh son, a case which created a great deal of excitement in the west of England. The facts are stated with minuteness in a report upon the subject by Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells. The child who, in November 1637, was in the sixth year of his age, was the son of a man named William Gilbert, at one time a butcher, but then a husbandman, at Priestleigh in the parish of Doultling in Somersetshire. At the child's birth, which took place on a Sunday, his grandmother, who performed the office of midwife, spread abroad the opinion that being a seventh son, without any intervening daughter, if he should touch any wen before he was christened he should heal it, and that, we presume even after the performance of the sacred rite, he should be fortunate in doing cures. The old woman's doctrine was tried on the day after the child's birth on the person of a neighbour. A wen which troubled him was stroked by the child's hand, with presumed good effect. The child was christened on the Sunday following, and at the christening dinner some one at the table gave out that this child might do great wonders. Nine months afterwards, Henry Poynting, a bone-setter, gave new currency to the opinion of the child's power, by spreading abroad that it was to be read in print, in a book called "A Thousand Notable Things," (London, 1612,) that "It is manifest by experience that the seventh
" male child by just order (never a girl or wench being
" born between) doth heal only with touching (through a
" natural gift) the King's evil, which is a special gift of
" God given to Kings or Queens, as daily experience doth

“ witness.” The production of this printed evidence worked conviction throughout the neighbourhood. Poynting sent a niece of his to be touched for a swelling, which soon afterwards got well, and from that time the marvel grew and spread. Poynting and the schoolmaster of the parish were stated to have settled a very orderly method for the child’s proceeding, and patients began to flock to be touched. Monday mornings were set apart for the operation. The child touched fasting and the patients came fasting. They were touched three Monday mornings in a row, otherwise it was conceived there would be no cure; and when the child began to speak he was taught to say, “ I touch, and God heals.” Up to the spring of 1637 there had not been more than 20 persons touched. From that time the number rapidly increased. Early in the September following there came eight or nine on a Monday morning, and by November the applicants had numbered 30 and sometimes 40 at a time, flocking to Priestleigh out of all the surrounding counties, including persons of all ranks, and filling all the inns, alehouses, and the houses of private people in the neighbourhood. Many of the touched after a while grew better, which was accepted as sufficient proof of the marvellous power; but still some doubted, and it was admitted that some persons were never a whit the better, and that the child had touched his own mother for a great swelling in her feet, and that it did her no good at all. The Bishop’s report, which is a very able and satisfactory paper, concludes by negating all imposture or deceit; it was a case of simple credulity. The father had been a little puffed up by the importance which the circumstances had given him in the neighbourhood, but he promised obedience to the command of the Council, conveyed to him by the Bishop, not to permit his child to touch any more, adding that he should be much troubled

to put off the people who would apply. The child told the Bishop that he must take no money for touching, for then he could not heal, and it did not appear that he had received any other presents than fruit, sugar, points, garters, skarves, and such like trifles. (Vol. ccclxxi., No. 120.)

It will be seen that, viewed as a contribution to the history of the leading events of the period, or to history in that wider meaning of the word which comprehends all those things which make up the life and being, the social condition and national *status* of the people, our present volume will bear comparison with any of its predecessors. From the study of these materials there is imbibed a knowledge of the real character of the period, and of the causes and nature of the revolution which was hastening on, which cannot be derived from any other source.

In compiling the present volume, I am pleased to acknowledge that I have had, as on former occasions, the valuable assistance of Mr. William Douglas Hamilton and Mr. Alfred Lowson.

JOHN BRUCE.

1st March 1868.

ERRATUM.

Page 185, *for* Thomas Earl of Wentworth, *read* Thomas Viscount Wentworth.

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Page 155, For Thomas Earl of Warwick, read Thomas Viscount Warwick.

DOMESTIC PAPERS.

CHARLES I.

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Volume of Entries of Minutes of Proceedings of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. The entries in this volume run from the 15th April 1637 to the 28th February 1639-1640. They will be found calendared in our pages in their proper chronological order.

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April 15. 1. Sir John Bankes and Sir Edward Littleton, Attorney and Solicitor-General, to the King. Report on the differences between the bishop, dean and chapter of Salisbury, and the mayor and citizens of the same city. Conceive it fit that the bishop, the mayor, the dean, the recorder, and some of the canons and some of the aldermen be justices of the peace, and that the bishop, the mayor, the dean, and the recorder, or any two of them, be of the quorum. But the mayor, recorder, and aldermen to have no power within the close. [1 p.]

April 15. 2. William Earl of Derby to the Council. Has heard the
Chester. debate of the grievances between the city of Chester and Sir William Brereton concerning watching and warding imposed upon Sir William and his tenants, and ship-money challenged of Sir William within the city. The judges were of opinion that Sir William and his tenants ought to be free of ordinary watching and warding within the city. As to ship-money, Sir William's answer was that he never refused it, and though upon the hearing he denied to pay it, alleging it to be unequal, yet since, upon second thoughts, he has paid his assessment. [*Seal of crest within a garter.* 1 p.]

April 15. 3. George Langham to Sir William Becher. Has received of John Sporward the charges disbursed about the 15 pipes of wine, and prays that Sporward may have 20 days' time more to lade them aboard ship, and also an order for his releasement out of prison. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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April 15.
Whitehall.

Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Henry Dunning, master of the Swan, to answer for carrying goods to Dunkirk in vessels appointed to carry his Majesty's packets. Officers of the Navy to certify the forwardness of the fleet. Whether the Earl of Northumberland should cause the ships to fall into the Downs. Consider his instructions. The Lord Deputy says the guarding of the Severn should not be at the charge of Ireland; it was ever wont to be in the instructions given to the Admiral of the Irish coast. Peruse letter from Sir Henry Marten, and certificate for letters of reprisal for Mr. Henley. What shall be done with Clarke, a marshal's man, who arrested a surgeon pressed into the King's ships, and abused the messenger sent for him. Hear the complaint of Francis Vincent, a saltpetreman, against Swan and Sir John Rayney. Walker of Rochester attends. He refuses to pay the messenger's fees, and being sued for the same has brought a habeas corpus in the King's Bench, being a wrangling fellow, to avoid payment of the fees. [*See April 3rd, Vol. ccclii., No. 23. 1 p.*]

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4. Petition of Francis Vincent, saltpetreman, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Mr. Swan of Southfleet, Kent, being required to carry a load of sea coals from Gravesend to the saltpetre house at Northfleet, not only refused, but being in Gravesend when nine other teams were loading he said that he had lived these forty years and never knew any such service done, and openly advised the rest not to perform the same; for which public contempt the justices of the peace have bound him to attend the Lords. Prays that he may be ordered to satisfy petitioner his damage and charges. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.] *Annexed,*

4. I. *Note of the charges above mentioned; total, 2l. 15s. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

April 15.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. Instructions as Admiral of the Fleet, consisting of the Triumph (the Admiral's ship), with the Swiftsure, the St. George, the James, the Henrietta Maria, the Unicorn, the Rainbow, the Vanguard, the Bonaventure, the Dreadnought, the Convertive, the Mary Rose, with the pinnaces the Lion's First, Second, and Fifth Whelps, the Swan frigate, the Nicodemus frigate, the Greyhound, and the Roebuck; and of merchants' ships the Unicorn, the Industry, the Mayflower, the Richard and Mary, the Pleiades, the Margaret, the William, the Prudence, and the Royal Defence. Similar throughout to those given to him on the 7th April 1636, and calendared under that date. [*Minute. See Vol. clvii., p. 151 b. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

April 15.
Whitehall.

The same to Officers of the Navy. His Majesty having bestowed on Thomas Earl of Arundel and Surrey, and his associates and adventurers in the fishing business, the Black George, with her tackle and furniture, ordnance excepted, the Officers are to deliver the same accordingly. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 1. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]

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April 15. The Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Earl of Newport, Master of the Ordnance. To order the ordnance of the Black George, at Portsmouth, to be taken out of her, and received into his Majesty's magazine. [*Vol. cccliii., fol. 1. ½ p.*]

April 15. The same to Officers of the Navy. Capt. Smith, last year
Whitehall. captain of the Black George, and some of the mariners, pretend that there is something due to them over and above their wages, and have desired that the bond given by Sir John Harvey and Hierome Hawley and others might not be delivered up. The Officers are to take order that they be satisfied what is due, so that the said bond may be cancelled. [*Ibid., fol. 1 b. ½ p.*]

April 15. The same to the Keeper of the Marshalsea. Warrant to receive
Whitehall. into his custody John Walker, to be kept safe prisoner till further order. [*Ibid. ½ p.*]

April 15. Order of the same. John Draper having petitioned for leave to
Whitehall. take the benefit of the law against Thomas Jenkins of Rochester, soldier in Upnor Castle, for 40*l.* due by bond two years since, it was ordered that Jenkins should satisfy petitioner within three months, after which leave was granted. [*Ibid., fol. 2. ½ p.*]

April 15. Similar Order. Upon certificate of Sir Henry Palmer, Comp-
troller of the Navy, that Capt. Goodlad had not carried in his voyage to Greenland any seamen that were pressed into his Majesty's service, his bond was ordered to be delivered up to him. [*Ibid. ½ p.*]

April 15. 5. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 60*l.* paid by Leonard
Townsend on behalf of Henry Eldred, alderman of Stamford co. Lincoln, in part of 8,000*l.* charged on the said co. for ship-money by writ of 12th August last. [*½ p.*]

April 15. 6. Similar receipt for 2,497*l.* paid by Leonard Townsend on
behalf of Sir Edward Hussey, sheriff of co. Lincoln, in part of the same 8,000*l.* [*½ p.*]

April 15. 7. Account of ship-money received by Sir William Russell, under
writs issued in October 1636. Total, 71,911*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* [*1 p.*]

April 15. 8. Edward Fenn to Nicholas. No money has been received upon
account of last year's ship-money since the last of March. The total received for that account is 190,512*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and the remainder unpaid is 12,001*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* In November last he received of Sir Walter Norton, late sheriff of co. Lincoln, 81*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*, which was 47*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* over and above the charge of that county. Has since been sent to by Sir William Pelham, also late sheriff of that county, to make the acquittance in his name, which he had refused to do, understanding there was some difference between the said sheriffs concerning that account. Prays directions therein. [*1 p.*]

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April 15.
Portsmouth.

9. John Goodwin to Nicholas. Yesterday Sir William Russell and Mr. Surveyor [Kenrick Edisbury], being at Portsmouth, made him a warrant to go master of the James into the Downs, if no other master came. Inquires whether he may leave his place at Portsmouth. P.S.—The ships will be all ready there by the day appointed if men come in. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

April 15.

10. See "Papers relating to Appointments in the Navy."

April 16.
Whitehall.

Order of the King in Council referring a petition of Sir Richard Ducie to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London, who are to give Sir Richard that ease and mitigation for payment of a sum assessed upon him for ship-money as may stand with the rule of equality and indifferency required by the King's writ and the instructions of the Board. [*Draft. See Vol. cccli., No. 44.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

April 16.

11. Petition of Bishop Davenant of Salisbury, and of Richard Bayly, Dean of Salisbury and the Chapter there, to the King. The King on 6th June last referred the differences between petitioners and the mayor and citizens of Sarum to the Attorney and Solicitor-General, who have declared that they hold it fit that the Bishop and Dean of Salisbury, as also the mayor and recorder, be justices of peace, and that some others be joined in the commission. Pray that with the bishop, dean, mayor, and recorder, three of the canons of the church and three of the aldermen be joined in the commission of the peace. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

11. i. *Minute of the King's pleasure to grant this petition. Whitehall, 16th April 1637.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

April 16.
Whitehall.

12. Order of Council. Ralph Bunn, John Ellyott, and others, being employed to work in the quarry at Portland for stones for the west end of St. Paul's, and there being certain vessels employed for bringing stone from Portland for repair of the said cathedral, it is ordered that all such persons as Inigo Jones shall certify to be employed in the said service shall be freed from impressment. [*Copy certified by Nicholas.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

12. i. *Minute of Certificate of Inigo Jones, that the Fortune of North Yarmouth, John Homer master, with seven mariners, whose names are stated, was employed for nine months in carrying stones for St. Paul's.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 16.

13. Another certified copy of the preceding Order of Council. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

13. i. *Minute of similar Certificate of Inigo Jones on behalf of the Willing Mind of Brett Hempston [Brighthelmstone?], John Humphrey master, with four mariners. 8th June 1637.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 16.

14. Another certified copy of the preceding Order of Council [$1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

April 16.
Chester.

15. Sir John Bridgeman and Richard Prythergh, Justices of Chester, to the Council. Certify that there has been a trial betwixt

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the mayor and citizens of Chester and Sir William Brereton concerning Sir William's freedom of toll in the said city, wherein there passed a verdict for Sir William. After verdict the counsel for the city moved in arrest of judgment, pretending some defect in awarding the *venire facias*, which the writers conceived not to be material, and gave judgment for Sir William. Will take order that Sir William be not molested with multiplicity of suits. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

April 16.
The Swiftsure
in the Downs.

16. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. On the 11th he came to an anchor in the Downs, and with him the Greyhound. The Nicodemus frigate is since come from Dunkirk. In the time of his being there, there were brought in nine sail of Holland ships, some richly laden, and amongst them 109 brave horses of service, and eight brave dapple grey horses for the French King's own coach. The Greyhound spoke with a bark of Guernsey, which informed Rabenett, her master, that she left six sail of French men-of-war at the Cowes of 24, 22, and 20 pieces of ordnance, all Flemish built, who gave out that they were bound for the northwards to join with the Hollanders for guarding the fishermen. Desires to hear from him at least once a week by the Sandwich or Dover post. Prays Nicholas to let him know how the Prince Elector's sea design goes on, and what Sir Henry Mervin does, and how he has been looked upon by the King and others since his coming home. The Admiral has given the writer order to make his addresses to him, so that he fears to write to the Lords, for he finds there are exceptions enough against him. Wishes to know whether Lieut. Fox has a warrant to come down to the writer's ship. [2 pp.]

April 16.

17. Certificate of Inigo Jones that the Grace of Weymouth, with John Beere, master, and eight mariners, was employed in the transport of stone from Portland to London for repair of St. Paul's. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

April 16.

18. Note of amount levied and paid for ship-money under writs issued in October 1636. Paid to Sir William Russell, 74,468*l.*; levied but remaining in the hands of the sheriffs, 26,870*l.*; in all 101,338*l.*, which is 12,192*l.* more than was expressed in the paper presented the last of March. [1 p.]

April 17.
Westminster.

19. Warrant to pay to James Duart, the King's jeweller, 300*l.*, for a fair diamond in form of a heart facetted and set in a ring and presented to Frederick Landgrave of Hesse. [7 lines.]

April 17.

20. Sir Edmund Verney to the Council. Certifies his proceedings upon reference of a petition of the prisoners in the Marshalsea. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.] *Annexed,*

20. I. *Thirty-five poor prisoners in the Marshalsea to the Council. Certify that Sir Edmund Verney had ordered that they should be relieved to the full concerning their beer and ale; ordering also wholesome orders for their relief; also that no new, unjust, or exacted fees should be required of them. 17th April 1637. [1 p.]*

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April 17.
Chatham.

21. Sir Henry Palmer to the Lords of the Admiralty. The ships at Chatham being in readiness, and most of them nearly manned, he desires to know whether he shall give them order to weigh, and to what place they shall make repair; also whether he shall give them warrant on the 20th inst. to enter on sea-victual, or whether they shall longer continue in petty warrant. If the Lords appoint their speedy going out of harbour, it would be convenient that the captains were sent down to take their commands. [1 p.]

April 17.
Whitbourne.

22. Bishop Coke of Hereford to Archbishop Laud. The bearer, Mr. Toldervey, M.A. of Oxford, was put into the curateship of Orleton by the chancellor, before the bishop's coming thither. Lady Croftes, impropriator there, first brought him to that place, with promise that when Orleton fell she would commend him to it. The curateship being void she now takes occasion against him, and importunes the bishop to put him out, which he thinks not fit to do, having found him there, not knowing any right of presenting in her, and Toldervey being a man of very good worth, both for learning and life. Toldervey beseeches the archbishop that he may continue in the place. The registrar, Mr. Lawrence, refers himself wholly to the archbishop's determination of the difference about the dean and exempt jurisdiction, and has undertaken for Mr. Brasier, his fellow registrar, that he shall do the like. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

April 17.
Westminster.

Nicholas to Edward Fenn. The 81*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* received of William Trollope on behalf of Sir Walter Norton, late sheriff of co. Lincoln, being 47*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* above the charge of that county, was to be charged at the foot of the certificate until the difference between Sir Walter Norton and the gentlemen of Lincolnshire shall be determined. This acquittance for the 81*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* may not be altered till further directions. [*Copy. Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 148.*]

April 17.

23. Remembrance of the service done by William Scudamore, late sheriff of co. Hereford, upon the writ for ship-money. The sum to be levied was 4,000*l.*, of which 260*l.* was charged upon the corporations. Scudamore collected and paid 3,565*l.* 10*s.* 11½*d.*, and turned over 174*l.* 9*s.* 0½*d.* of arrears to Thomas Wigmore, then sheriff. [3 pp.]

April 17.

24. Certificate of Inigo Jones that the Return of Weymouth, with William Ketch, master, and six mariners, was employed in transportation of stone from the Isle of Portland for repair of St. Paul's. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

April 17.

25. Account of Sir James Bagg, Vice-Admiral of the south of Cornwall and Devon, for things by virtue of his office seized and disposed of by him, from September 1628 to September 1634. The account includes the proceeds of the St. James, 11,515*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.*; the Lady Help, 11,016*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*; the Anthony, 2,693*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*; Spanish wines taken from Downes the pirate, 112*l.*; a derelict found

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by Capt. Daniel, 606*l.*; ambergris found on the coast near St. John's in Cornwall, 3,309*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*; total, 29,253*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*; against which sums there were various charges and payments amounting to 5,703*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, leaving a balance of 23,550*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.*, of which he claimed a moiety as due to him by virtue of his office, and set-off against the other moiety, various payments and loans to the Exchequer, amounting to 19,211*l.* 10*s.*, leaving due to Sir James, 7,436*l.* 8*s.* 3½*d.*, besides 3,000*l.* which he had been ordered to pay in a suit then pending, and 500*l.* disbursed by his Majesty's command. [16½ *pp.*]

[April 17?] 26. Objections stated by Dr. Thomas Rives, Edward Nicholas, and Richard Wyan against the preceding account of Sir James Bagg. [5 *pp.*]

April 17. 27. See "Papers relating to Appointments in the Navy."

April 18. 28. Capt. William Rainsborough to [Walter Lord Aston]. Arrived there with the Antelope and the Mary. The Hercules, having spent her main-mast and put into Lisbon for a new one, arrived there on the 17th. Now they were four ships, yet able to do little good, the governor being an "Andiluce" and obstinate fellow, puffed up with his luck in thieving. Three days before the writer's arrival he proclaimed war against all Christians, and will not render the captives he has. The writer rides within shot of the town, and they many times shoot one at another, yet their small carvels row out in the dark night, and the writer's are all heavy ships and cannot follow them "so near the shore" as they go. Sent all their boats, being eight in number, to prove whether they could take any of them. They assaulted two of them, and did as much as men could do with boats, but came off well beaten, lost two men killed and 17 hurt. They have two pinnaces to come to them of 250 tons apiece, which row with oars, and when they are come he makes no doubt but to keep them in, and in time to render his Majesty's subjects, or to spoil their men-of-war which vex all the Christian world. They have about 40 or 50 vessels; about 20 carry from 12 to 20 pieces of ordnance. They have made many bravadoes that they will come out and fight with Rainsborough, but they dare not do it. If they were as many more he should be very glad of the occasion. Sends his letter by a Spanish man-of-war that brought soldiers to Mamora. Because he would not have him complain of loss of time, cannot write to the Lords of the Admiralty, whom he desires Lord Aston to advise that they are in safety and health. [1½ *p.*]

April 18. 29. Francis Windebank to his father, Sec. Windebank. Have been at Genoa ten days, but go towards Turin that day. Intend to come on towards Paris with all convenient haste. [¾ *p.*]

April 19. 30. Petition of John Revell, soapmaker of London, to the Council. About December 1630 petitioner, at 400*l.* fine and 50*l.* rent per annum, took a soap-house for 21 years, of John Leminge, and covenanted to continue it a soap-house, and was bound in 500*l.* to perform covenants. Being disabled by decree from making soap, he desired

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Leminge to relinquish that covenant or take in his lease, giving petitioner such part of his fine as two Eastland merchants should appoint, both of which offers he refused. Although petitioner has laid out 800*l.* in fine, reparations, and dead rent, yet Leminge for 71*l.* rent behind has arrested petitioner and declared in the King's Bench in five actions against him. Prays that Leminge may relinquish that covenant, and give in the bond of 500*l.* to be cancelled, and suffer petitioner to demolish the utensils for soap, and let the house to some other use, or if it is to be continued a soap-house, that he may make petitioner some further estate in the premises. [*Copy.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

30. 1. *Order that this petition be put into the hands of John Leminge, and that he answer thereunto, that the Lords at their next meeting may take further order. Whitehall, 19th April 1637. Copy.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

April 19. 31. Separate examinations of Richard Darby and William Bradford, mariners, taken before George Long, Justice of Peace for Middlesex. They were impressed and served several days on board King's ships. After which, coming up to London with leave, as they alleged, they were impressed again, and taken aboard other ships, where, being found, they were arrested and charged with departing from the King's service. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]

April 19 and 20. 32. Separate affidavits of Robert Webb Cooke and Frances his wife, Cecily Crowe, Anthony Crowe, Giles Crouch, Richard Horsey and Mary his wife, John Nailer, Margaret Allen, Cuthbert Holland, Elizabeth Godwin, Edward Freshwater, Ralph Moody, and John Greene, in opposition to statements of Francis Newton (*see Vol. cccxlix., No. 116*), that they had been lately perverted to Roman Catholicism by Henry Morse. Most of the parties assert that they had long been Roman Catholics. [$3\frac{1}{3}$ pp.]

[April 19.] 33. Declaration of Katherine White to the same effect. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 20. 34. Warrant for payment to Agmondesham Pickayes, the King's Westminister. goldsmith for the guard, of 786*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, for fine gold and silver for making spangles for the coats of the guard, footmen, and messengers, given to them this year. [*Strip of parchment.* 16 lines.]

April 20. 35. The like to pay to Edmund Harrison, the King's Westminister. embroiderer, 119*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for embroidering 250 red coats with roses and crowns imperial, whereof are given to the yeomen of the chamber 200, to the yeomen waiters of the Tower of London 41, and to 9 yeomen of the robes and wardrobe, every of them allowed at 6*s.* 8*d.* apiece, and for 45 messengers of the chamber at 16*s.* apiece; also for 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards of crimson satin for red roses, at 8*s.* the yard, 29*l.*; and for 38 yards of satin of Bridges [Bruges,] for white roses, at 3*s.* the yard, 5*l.* 14*s.*; and for 160 ells of canvass, at 12*d.* the ell, 8*l.* Total, 162*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* [*The like.* 16 lines.]

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April 20. 36. Warrant to pay to Robert Reeve, clerk of the check of the
Westminster. guard, 17*l.* 2*s.*, for embroidering red coats with C. R. in Venice gold,
given to the grooms and pages of the King's and Queen's chamber,
robes and wardrobes, and others. [*Strip of parchment.* 11 *lines.*]

April 20. 37. The like to pay to the said Robert Reeve 275*l.* for 500 yards
Westminster. of red cloth for summer liveries for the guard and others.
[*The like.* 18 *lines.*]

April 20. 38. Petition of Sir John Heydon, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, to
the King. After the experience of almost ten years, finds the
charge of executing the manifold duties of his place have much
exceeded the entertainment and remaining perquisites. Prays that
he may be allowed the poundage of all monies raised by the sale of
powder; and for the reimbursement of such charges as he shall
make appear that he has disbursed in discharge of the duties of
his place, that he may have the like debentures as the meanest officer
of that office has ever been allowed. Enumerates several services
for which he had not received or charged one penny, whereby it
would appear that his industry had not moved from any mercenary
end, as had been objected, but from the innate zeal that near 20
years since caused him wholly to devote himself to the service of so
just and gracious a master, and by ten years' industry abroad to
enable himself at his own charge. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*] *Underwritten,*

38. I. Reference to the Lord Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, and
Sec. Windebank, to certify their opinions. Whitehall,
20th April 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ *p.*]

April 20. 39. Bevill Grenville and John Trefusis to the Council. According
Bodmin. to their reference of the 24th February last, have called before them
the mayor and burgesses of Bodmin and perused their charters.
Examined the particulars of the petition and articles exhibited, and
endeavoured to compose the differences between them, but could
not effect it. [*In the endorsement the dispute is said to have been
between the Mayor of Bodmin and Perryman. Seal with arms.*
1 *p.*]

April 20. 40. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords
Whitehall. of the Admiralty. Officers of Ordnance to attend about renewing
the saltpetremen's contracts. Letter from Officers of Navy touching
the readiness of the ships at Chatham. Mr. Goodwin advertises
the state of the ships at Portsmouth, and desires warrant for his
going master in the James. Sir William Russell's account of ship-
money. What shall be done concerning Henry Dunning, convented
for carrying money and goods to Dunkirk in the King's pinnace.
Order David Williams, employed by Officers of Navy, to appre-
hend runaway mariners, to prefer an indictment against them.
Mr. Cordewell gives account of the Barbary saltpetre which he has
refined. [1 *p.*]

April 20. Lords of the Admiralty to David Williams, employed by the
Whitehall. Officers of the Navy to apprehend mariners impressed who absented

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themselves without leave. He is to attend the Recorder of London or George Long, or any other justice of peace for Middlesex, to receive instructions to prefer indictments against such offenders at the next sessions. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 2. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

April 20.
Whitehall.

Order of the Lords of the Admiralty. Sir David Kirke, Lewis Kirke, William Barkley, John Galliard, John Kirke, and Company having petitioned for letters of marque against the French, for non-performance of agreement made by Sir Isaac Wake and Philip Burlamachi in France, that the French should pay the charge of a ship of 400 tons for bringing home the petitioners' men employed for seizing the fort of Quebec in Canada, which was taken by petitioners, who set forth six ships and three pinnaces, which cost 23,000*l.*, by commission under the Broad Seal, and kept the said fort for three years with 150 soldiers at 2,000*l.* per annum, and in 1632 were ordered by his Majesty to surrender the same upon the said composition. The petitioners further claimed satisfaction for the ship *Mary Fortune*, laden with beaver skins worth 2,000*l.*, taken from them by Capt. Bontemps and carried into France, with 500*l.* expended in seeking satisfaction. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

1. *Reference to Sir Henry Marten to examine petitioners' proofs, and to certify the same to the Lords, and whether they may not take order for petitioners' satisfaction by letters of reprisal. Whitehall, 20th April 1637. [Ibid., fol. 2 b. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

April 20.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. Understand by letter from Sir Henry Palmer at Chatham that the ships there appointed to go to sea under his command are in a readiness and nearly manned. The Lords have ordered them, as fast as they are ready, to go over the chain, and enter upon sea victuals. Pray him to order the captains to take charge of their commands and to fall into the Downs. [*Ibid.*, fol. 3. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 20.
Whitehall.

The same to Officers of the Navy. To cause the ships as fast as they shall be fitted and manned to go over the chain. The Lords have given directions to the Earl of Northumberland to command the captains to take charge of their ships and carry them into the Downs. The ships at Portsmouth are also to be fitted and manned to come thence about to the Downs. [*Ibid.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 20.
Whitehall.

The same to a messenger unnamed. To bring up in custody Sir John Rayney of Wrotham in Kent, to answer to matters to be objected against him on his Majesty's behalf. [*Ibid.*, fol. 3 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

April 20.
Whitehall.

The same to Lord Deputy Wentworth. Send a copy of Sir Henry Marten's letter concerning a proposition made by the Lord Deputy at Windsor, touching allowance of travelling charges to be deducted as well out of the King's part as the Vice-Admiral's, of droits of Admiralty under 20*l.* Pray him to give order that his accounts for the profits of his Vice-Admiralty [of Ulster] may in

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that particular be drawn up accordingly. They have considered that point of the guard of the Severn. The charge having ever been under the command of the Admiral of the Irish coast, they see no cause to alter their directions in that behalf. [*Vol. cccliv.*, fol. 4. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 20.
Whitehall.

The Lords of the Admiralty to all mayors, justices of the peace, and other his Majesty's officers. A warrant having been issued out of the Court of Admiralty for arresting Richard Beard, Anne his wife, and Nicholas Beard, all of Rottingdean, Sussex, for matter of contempt in the said warrant expressed, the persons addressed are to give assistance therein. [*Ibid.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

April 20.

41. Petition of Thomas Smith, messenger of the chamber, to Lords of the Admiralty. For executing a warrant out of the High Court of Admiralty upon Nicholas Beard, petitioner repaired to the house of his father, Richard Beard, in Sussex, where the mother of Nicholas flew upon petitioner and struck him many blows, called him base rogue and rascal, and other disgraceful names, and used "many reproachful and reviling languages" against his warrant, Richard Beard and George his brother standing by and countenancing her to "lay on" petitioner, whilst they rescued Nicholas, so that petitioner was forced to fly. He went afterwards with the next constable, when the mother flew at petitioner again and hurt him much more, whereof he lay sick a long while. Prays relief. [1 p.]

April 20.
Sutton Court.

42. William Saunders to Sir Dudley Carleton. That morning he received a command from the Council for his immediate personal appearance. The messenger can inform Carleton how ill he found the writer of the stone and a fever. Prays Carleton to request the Lords to excuse his attendance for a few days. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

April 20.
St. John's
[Clerkenwell].

43. William Earl of Exeter to Sir John Lambe. Has received his letter on behalf of Mr. Lambe for the vicarage of St. Martin's, Stamford. Upon Sir John's recommendation will neither question his conformity nor ability and care. Whenever it falls void, will present him, being glad he has anything to pleasure Sir John withal. [*Seal with crest and garter.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 20.

44. List of the master [Thomas Williams] and the 26 mariners of the Martha and Frances, protected [against impressment]. [1 p.]

April 20.

45. Note by Samuel Cordewell that 24 tons 7 cwt. 2 qrs. of Barbary saltpetre refined by him had yielded 13 tons 10 cwt. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 20.

See "Papers relating to Appointments in the Navy."

April 21.

46. Petition of Sir James Hay, Archibald Hay, and Richard Hurst to the King. The late Earl of Carlisle had a pension of 3,000*l.* per annum, payable by the farmers of the customs for certain years to come, which pension the Earl, by indenture dated 31st

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March 1636, assigned, amongst other things, to petitioners, in trust for payment of his debts. Petitioners procured a warrant from the Lord Treasurer to the farmers of the customs for payment of the said pension to them, which Sir John Jacob refused, alleging that the Earl had made divers assignments to creditors to be paid out of the said 3,000*l*. This pension being the readiest money of the Earl's estate, and the funeral charges not yet paid, as also the estate being liable to a debt to his Majesty, and statutes and debts by orders of courts of justice, which petitioners conceive ought to be preferred before the assignments, they pray his Majesty to be certified by his counsel at law whether petitioners may pay those who had the former assignments before the funeral charges, his Majesty's debt, and the statutes. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

46. I. *Reference to Solicitor-General to certify his opinion. St. James's, 21st April 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.] Annexed,*

46. II. *Certificate by Sir Edward Littleton, Solicitor-General, that the ordinary course of law is that funerals are to be discharged before debts, and debts to the King before any to the subject, and generally judgments first to be paid, then statutes, next bonds, and lastly contracts by word, but these assignments being made by the Earl of Carlisle for just debts, it is great equity and reason the payments thereof should continue after discharge of the funerals and satisfaction made to his Majesty. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

April 21.

47. Sir Thomas Delves, Sheriff of co. Chester, to the Council. Tenders to their consideration some other differences, besides those of Sir Thomas Aston, moved by the mayor and city of Chester. The Bishop of Chester, with the clergy, were in the last assessment for ship-money rated at 200*l*., which being assented to, was by the bishop's officers gathered; but there being complaint to the writer of the hardness of their taxings, he offered the bishop a particular of his ratings, which, for the general clergy, the bishop conceived to be fair and equal, yet for himself refused being rated for his bishopric and personalty at 13*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*., the dean and chapter at 6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*., and the rest of the clergy there of St. Mary's, St. Peter's, Trinity, and St. Oswald's at 4*l*. 1*s*. 8*d*. Sir Thomas wrote to the mayor of Chester, entreating him to forbear taxing the bishop and clergy, conceiving they should go in aid with the rest of the clergy towards the making up of their sum this year, being abated nearly half in regard of inequalities, some being poor curates and stipendiaries which paid 10*s*. apiece last time, and some parsons 12*l*. apiece. The bishop has suffered a lesser sum of 6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. to be assessed upon him by the mayor of Chester, to which way the rest of the clergy there have inclined, denying payment of Sir Thomas's assessment, and therefore his rate of the clergy falls short by 24*l*. 1*s*. 8*d*. Craves directions whether the bishop, with those of the dean and chapter, shall pay with the rest of the clergy and county, or how. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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April 21.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of Navy. Return papers concerning Clarke, the marshal's man, who arrested, without leave, Dudley Gooderons, a chirurgeon pressed to serve in the Unicorn. The officers are to take order therein as they conceive fit. Understand they have appointed Mr. Goodwin, the master-attendant, to go master of the James, he being formerly appointed to remain at Portsmouth to take care of his Majesty's ships there, and to take charge of the Maria pinnance, appointed to lie in the mouth of that harbour. Hold it very fit that he remain still at Portsmouth. Pray them to appoint some other master to take charge of the James. [See *Admiralty Register*, Vol. cccliii., fol. 4 b. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 21.
Whitehall.

The same to William Wade, of Dover. Find cause to speak with him upon his Majesty's service. Require him to attend at the Council Chamber at Whitehall immediately upon sight of this warrant. [*Ibid.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

April 21.
Whitehall.

The same to [Solomon] Smith. To take into custody Henry Dunning, late commander of the Swan frigate, and to deliver him into the charge of the keeper of the Marshalsea, there to be kept safe prisoner until further order; with clause of assistance directed to all mayors and other his Majesty's officers. [*Ibid.*, fol. 5. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 21.
Whitehall.

The same to the Keeper of the Marshalsea. To take into his custody Henry Dunning, and keep him safe prisoner until further order. [*Ibid.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

April 21.
Whitehall.

The same to Montjoy Earl of Newport. To survey the ordnance stores aboard the Swan frigate, and to cause the same to be delivered over by indenture to Richard Llewellyn, now master-gunner thereof. [*Ibid.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

April 21.
Bore Atton.

48. Sir Paul Harris, Sheriff of Salop, to Nicholas. Finds the corporations of Shrewsbury and Wenlock are very backward in providing the ship-money, being about 600*l.*, Shrewsbury having newly begun to make their assessment; and there is such divisions and factions amongst them about a preacher, that they mind nothing else; and there are such complaints about the inequality of those assessments that are made, that he fears a great part of the money will not be levied. Wenlock has not as yet begun to make any assessment, which makes other corporations more careless. The writer has no power to intermeddle with any of their assessments, or to compel them to hasten the same; therefore he hopes, when he has paid in the moneys for the body of the county, he shall have his discharge. Without some sharp letters the corporations will be careless. If there be any more taxations hereafter, it were best to give no power to the corporations. Dr. Griffith has re-delivered the writer's warrant. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

April 21.

49. Sir Edward Hussey, Sheriff of co. Lincoln, to Nathaniel Talbot, one of the chief constables of the wapentake of Wraggoe. Talbot is charged, with all possible expedition, to collect and levy

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the arrearages of ship-money in his district by distress to be taken of the goods of all persons in arrear, so that Sir Edward may have the same paid to him at the Angel, in "the Bayle" of Lincoln, on the 8th of May next, bringing with him a list of the names of all persons so distrained. [*Seal of office.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Endorsed,*

49. 1. *Memorandum respecting the delivery of five similar warrants to the chief constables within the sessions of Horn-castle.* 27th April 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

April 21.
Doctors'
Commons.

50. Richard Wyan to Edward Nicholas. Understands by means of one that came to get copies of the Lords' licence for transportation of oysters, for the Prince of Orange and the Lady Elizabeth, that there is a patent drawing up by Mr. Attorney for Dr. Caddiman, to employ six pinks about oysters, and, as it is said, for transportation. Wyan knows nothing of the intention, and if the Admiralty were eased of the trouble, it would not lose any profit; but the people, who are a nursery of seamen, would be quite destroyed, and in a very short time the coasts would be so despoiled that oysters would be more plenty beyond sea than in England. Nicholas, if he pleases, may cause the Lords to be informed of the business. [1 p.]

April [21?] Whitehall.

51. Commissioners for saltpetre and gunpowder to Montjoy Earl of Newport, Master of the Ordnance. To issue 60 barrels of gunpowder at 18*d.* per pound for furnishing the Pearl, bound for Pharoe [Faro] in Spain, — Angell, master; the Charles, bound from port to port, — Sargent, master; the Shipwright, for the Straits, — Newport, master; and the Hopewell, for New England, — Driver, master. [*Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 21.
Whitehall.

The same to the same. To issue 95 barrels of gunpowder at 18*d.* per pound for furnishing the Margaret, George Browne, master; the Prudence, Thomas Bredcake, master; the William, Abraham Steevens, master; and the Royal Defence, John Harris, master; being set forth by the committees of the City of London for his Majesty's service. [*Copy, written on the same sheet as the above.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 21.

52. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

April 22.

53. Petition of Matthew Forster, citizen and vintner of London, to the King. Has for 16 years continued a vintner in London, and has paid great sums of money to the farmers of the great customs. Of late Terry, Kempster, and Batters, vintners in London, have falsely and maliciously divulged in London and Westminster that petitioner is declined in his estate, and that he has obtained a royal protection, and has made use thereof to the undoing of many. Prays reference to some of the Lords, who may call before them the divulgers or authors of this scandal. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

53. 1. *Reference to the Earl Marshal and the Earl of Dorset, and if they shall find that this scandal is raised without just cause, then to take order that the offenders may be punished.* St. James's, 22nd April 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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April 22.

54. Petition of Robert Rugge, lieutenant of the fort in Holy Island, to the King. Was commanded by his captain, Sir James Ouchterlony, to attend his lady to London, whom petitioner furnished with horse, money, and other necessities, and has been detained from his charge seven months, having due from his captain for his pay and disbursements 81*l*. His captain had received the full pay for 17 besides himself, which is 369*l*. per annum, his own pay being but 72*l*. at 4*s*. per diem, disposing of the moneys for his own particular ends, paying no man, though they be but two, save that petitioner assumed the power to entertain three men at his departure to assist the old gunner and guard the ordnance. The justices of the shire having certified the Lord Treasurer not only of the abuse of the place, but of petitioner's care in his charge, with a letter likewise from the Bishop of Durham, petitioner prays order to the Lord Treasurer to advance petitioner some part of the aforesaid sum to discharge his credit in London, and to stop his pay for his own assurance, that petitioner may return to his charge and family. Also, if it be his Majesty's intention to lessen the charge of the said fort, that he would allow the old gunner, being 77 years of age, with petitioner, their pay during life, and make petitioner house-keeper, without whose care it had been ere now uninhabitable. [1 p.]

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55. Copy of the same petition. [1 p.]

April 22.

56. Another copy of the same petition. [1 p.] *Endorsed,*

56. I. *Minute by Nicholas of the desire of the Lords of the Admiralty that such knights and gentlemen of Northumberland, co. of Durham, or of Berwick, as are in town should peruse the above petition, which has been referred by the King to the Lords, and should certify what they know of the present state of the fort on Holy Island. Whitehall, 6th May 1637. [½ p.] Annexed,*

56. II. *Sir William Widdrington and eight others to the Lords of the Admiralty. Certify the state of the fort on Holy Island with the number of men there and the pieces of ordnance. It has been found useful, and should be kept up, as being likely to be more so to the Association for Fishing. Robert Rugge, the lieutenant, has lived there in very good repute, and is well esteemed of all his countrymen. [1 p.]*

56. III. *Sir Robert Hamilton and Margery his wife to the same. Certify that they were at the Island (being their parish) about six weeks since. Represent the fort and ordnance as in good condition, and that Robert Rugge's sufficiency, honesty, and vigilance will be justified by the whole country. Confirm the facts stated in his petition. [¾ p.] Underwritten,*

III. 1. *Further confirmatory certificate of Peter Jones, born and now dwelling upon the Island, whence he arrived yesterday, the 12th May. [¼ p.]*

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April 22. 57. Draft of Nicholas's underwritten minute of the 6th May 1637, above calendared No. 56. I. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- April 22. 58. Sir Thomas Cotton, Sheriff of co. Huntingdon, to Nicholas. Saltrey. Has sent Sir William Russell 500*l.* more ship-money for co. Huntingdon. He has now received 1,000*l.*, and there is 1,000*l.* more to be collected, whereof Huntingdon and Godmanchester are to pay 114*l.* and the county 886*l.*, which latter shall very shortly be paid in. Some question they make of small sums charged in respect of woods, where, lying no distress, they are doubtful how to get in that money. Solicits Nicholas to inform him what course is taken by other sheriffs on the like occasion. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]
- April 22. 59. Sir John Carleton, Sheriff of co. Cambridge, to the same. His last letter intimated that he had paid 1,000*l.* to Sir William Russell. Has another 1,000*l.* in hand, and is going to pay it in. As to the remainder, the only obstacle is that there are divers men out of the county that have rented part of their fen grounds, and till Midsummer have no cattle to distrain. Mr. Barnardiston, of Snailwell, paid nothing last year and refuses this year; besides he has persuaded his neighbours and tenants to do the like, but they would not hearken to him. Will the Lords send for him? If not, he shall distrain and end the business. [*Seal with crest.* 1 p.]
- April 22. 60. Algernon Earl of Northumberland, Admiral and General of Salisbury Court. the Fleet for the present Expedition, to Sir John Pennington. His Majesty has commanded the Earl that M. du Perron, her Majesty's almoner, be transported to Calais or Dieppe as he shall desire. Pennington is to give order for a ship to be ready for that purpose at Dover or the Downs. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- April 22. 61. Sir Thomas Gardiner, Recorder of London, to Nicholas. Sends examinations of Darby, Bradford, (*see* No. 31.) and Pope, for running away from King's ships. Bills of indictment are found against Bradford and Pope, not against Darby, the Officers of the Navy having stayed the prosecution until they should send further information. If they be tried this sessions it must be on Monday. He hears of no evidence except their own examinations, which he doubts will not be sufficient. Those that look after this business might make it plain by witnesses. Desires Nicholas to acquaint the Lords as he may see cause. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.] *Encloses,*
61. I. *Examination of Oliver Pope, of Wapping, mariner, in which he admitted his impressment on board the Hercules and the Expedition. He served for a time on board each of them, and then engaged to serve the East India Company at sea for 22s. a month.* [*Copy.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
- April 22. 62. Copy of the preceding letter without the examination. [2 pp.]
- April 22. 63. Account of Sir William Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, of moneys unpaid upon writs for ship-money issued in August 1635. Total, 11,855*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* [1 p.]

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April 22. 64. Account of Sir William Russell of moneys paid and unpaid upon writs for ship-money issued in October 1636. Total paid, 77,488*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*, and 119,111*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* remaining due. [1 *p.*]

April 22. 65. The like of moneys levied and remaining in the hands of the sheriffs upon the last-mentioned writs for ship-money. Total, 25,250*l.*, making the amount levied and paid, 102,738*l.* [1 *p.*]

April 23. Order of the King made on a report of certain referees of a
Whitehall. petition formerly presented to his Majesty by William Howard, Robert Long, Robert Gifford, John Denny, and the rest of the assignees of Sir Nicholas Halse, deceased. Petitioners stated that the late King granted to Sir Nicholas Halse a patent of privilege for 31 years for erecting new invented kilns for drying malt, and for certain other purposes, but that before the patent could pass the seal the late King died. The present King granted Sir Nicholas a similar patent, but Nicholas Page, clerk, previously procured a patent from the present King upon knowledge he had of Sir Nicholas Halse's invention, pretending himself to be the inventor, and Henry Sibthorpe, Robert Lindsey, and John Hobart, since the date of Sir Nicholas Halse's patent, had also procured several other patents for similar ovens, boasting themselves to be the sole inventors thereof. Petitioners prayed a reference to Lord Treasurer Juxon and Lord Cottington, who with the Attorney-General were accordingly directed to call in and vacate the patents complained of. These referees having reported, on the 17th January last, against the validity of all the said grants, his Majesty now directed the Attorney-General to prepare a bill containing a revocation of the grant to Nicholas Page, and that if Sibthorpe, Lindsey, and Hobart insisted upon their grants, they should be left to their trial at law. [See *Book of Petitions*, Vol. cccxxiii., p. 58. 5 *pp.*]

April 23. Petition of George Warner, of Wolston, in the diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, to the King. Petitioner, being lord of the manor of Wolston, petitioned Sir Nathaniel Brent, visitor for the Archbishop of Canterbury, for a seat in the church of Wolston, which was granted to him. Afterwards Sir Peter Wentworth in petitioner's absence procured a revocation of the grant, whereupon petitioner appealed, and the cause is ready for sentence before certain judges delegates. Since which Sir Peter petitioned the King and obtained a reference, by colour whereof he has forcibly pulled down the said seat. Petitioner prays that the Court of Delegates may proceed in due course of law. [1½ *p.*] *Underwritten,*

I. *Minute of the King's declaration that it never was his intention to stay the legal proceeding in this business, and therefore he supersedes the last-mentioned reference. Whitehall, 23rd April 1637. [See Book of Petitions, Vol. cccxxiii., p. 72. ¼ *p.*]*

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April 23.
Passenham.

66. Sir Robert Banastre, Sheriff of co. Northampton, to the Council. Should have been a petitioner to have attended personally to answer Mr. Cartwright's untrue petition, if Mr. Cartwright's health would have permitted him to have been present. Mr. Cartwright affected that way of six provisions and a half as best for his purpose, having not been charged anything at all since his purchase of lands in Aynho, but only assumed to himself a payment of seven shillings, charged upon the town for hens and other poultry. The high constable having affirmed that Mr. Cartwright's estate in Aynho equalled Walton pastures within 100*l.* per annum, and finding that Sir Thomas Pope by Mr. Cartwright's assessment was rated for ship-money 30*l.* and the latter but 45*s.* 6*d.*, the writer took off 6*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.* from the one and set it on the other, rating Sir Thomas at 22*l.* and Mr. Cartwright at 17*l.*, he having an office worth 400*l.* per annum, an estate equivalent with Sir Thomas within 100*l.* per annum, and lately in hand with a purchase of 1,000*l.* per annum valued at 20,000*l.* After alteration of the assessment Mr. Cartwright's son complained on behalf of his father, whereupon the writer gave day for those who could testify to attend, yet Mr. Cartwright and his son came not at all. Alleges the inequality of the last year's tax in the general and of Cartwright's in particular. This business with the detaining of the writer's assessment had bred great hindrance to the service. [2 *pp.*]

April 23.
Berwick.

67. Sir James Douglas to Sec. Windebank. Has heard the Secretary's "pairt concerning his litiance." Is his humble servant for the business. Has written several letters concerning the King's particular, and desires to know whether they came to Windebank's hands. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

April 23.
Nonsuch Park.

68. Nicholas Saunder to George Lord Goring. The Lords charged that inmates should be removed out of towns near her Majesty's house of Nonsuch. The writer commanded a new inmate in Ewell to remove; he refuses to obey, whereby the Lords' command and that in the King's name is scorned, and the writer laughed at. If the writer had the letter of the Lords he would send him to gaol for his contempt. Entreats Goring to return that letter. Some Londoners are come to Ewell, and more daily expected. [1 *p.*]

April 24.

69. William Bassett, Sheriff of Somerset, to the Council. The hundredors of Tintinhull, conceiving that the lands in Sock Dennis are now of the hundred of Tintinhull, were assessed accordingly, and are almost all paid, saving the lands of Edward Phillips, whose letter is now certified on the request of Sir Robert Phillips, his father. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*] *Enclosed,*

69. I. *Edward Phelipps [Phillips] to William Bassett. The constable of the hundred had showed the writer a warrant of 17th March by which Bassett commanded him to tax the writer's land at Sock Dennis with the hundred of Tintinhull to the ship-money. Sock Dennis was*

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never rated with that hundred, but is exempted from it by ancient inquisitions and rolls. It paid the last time to this service, but without the writer's privity, he being resolved never to be brought to contribute with that hundred till either by course of law it be obtained or by the order of the Lords decreed. Does not insist upon this in opposition to the service, but only to defend his right, and not to subject it to the humour of two or three factious fellows dwelling in Tintinhull. Offers Bassett to impose on that land by his own particular order what sum Bassett shall hold 500l. per annum fit to bear over and above the 130l. put upon the hundred, and it shall be paid. If Bassett will not do this, the writer will make it appear that he does not intend his land shall be freed from payment, or that his affection to this service shall in any sort be rendered doubtful. 23rd March 1636-7. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] Underwritten,

69. II. *William Bassett to Edward Phillips. Being devoted to the King's service, would be glad of any augmentation to his treasure, if he knew what sum would be proportionable to the value of 500l., and that paying it as not of the hundred might not trespass the hundred, being informed that those lands have been of late added to the hundred. 23rd March 1636-7. 1 p.]*

April 24. 70. Notes by Nicholas of businesses to be transacted by the
Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty. The Lord General has some things to acquaint the Lords with concerning the fleet. Consider Mr. Stone's proposition, also the complaint of the Company of Shipwrights. Ordnance desired by the captains of the two new pinnaces (*see the next article*). Consider the petitions of Robert Rugge, lieutenant of the fort in Holy Island (*see 22nd inst., No. 54*), and of John le Drue, recommended by the Spanish ambassador. Appoint a day to consider with the Officers of the Ordnance the renewing of the saltpetremen's contracts which end in May next. Mr. Wyan's letter touching a patent for transportation of oysters (*see 21st inst., No. 50*). Resolve what money shall be this year sent in the fleet. Lord Keeper commanded Nicholas to acquaint the Lords with a patent for keeping lights at Wintertonness and Orfordness, for which a toll is required of 1d. per ton outward and inward. Appoint a day for hearing Mr. Sydenham's complaint against Mr. Nappier [Napper]. [1 p.]

April 24. Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Earl of Newport. The cap-
Whitehall. tains of the pinnaces, the Providence and Expedition, bound for Sallee, have desired two short minions or saker drakes apiece, 12 carabines for their shallops and six pair of pistols apiece. Pray him, if he shall think fit, to order the same to be supplied, the gunners of each vessel indenting for what they shall receive. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 5 b. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]

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April 24. Lords of the Admiralty to a messenger not named. To bring
Whitehall. Anthony Kirle of Hull, factor for the lead merchants, before the
Lords to answer to matters to be objected against him. [*Vol. cccliii.*,
fol. 5 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

April 24. The same to all Admirals, Prestmasters, and others. To free from
Whitehall. impressment the *St. George*, of Southampton, of 70 tons, Thomas
Abell, master, bound for a fishing voyage to Newfoundland, with her
crew of 20 men, whose names are stated. [*Ibid.*, *fol. 6.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

April 24. The same to Lord Keeper Coventry. Certificate that Sir Henry
Whitehall. Palmer, Comptroller of the Navy, had been employed 177 days
from 30th September 1636 to 25th March 1637, which at 4s. per
diem amounts to 35*l.* 8s., for which he was entitled to a writ of
liberate for payment out of the Exchequer. [*Ibid.*, *fol. 6 b.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 24. The same to the same. Similar certificate for Kenrick Edisbury,
Whitehall. Surveyor of the Navy. [*Ibid.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 24. The same to the same. Similar certificate for Dennis Fleming,
Clerk of the Navy, at 3s. 4*d.* per day, making 32*l.* 10s. [*Ibid.*,
fol. 7. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

April 24. The same to all Admirals, Prestmasters, and others. To free
Whitehall. from impressment the *Jule John*, of Ipswich, John Blackborne,
master, bound for a voyage to Eastland, with a crew of eleven men,
whose names are underwritten. [*Ibid.*, *fol. 7 b.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 24. The same to the same. To free the *Deborah* of Ipswich, Edmund
Partridge, master, and her crew of 13 men and boys, whose names
are underwritten. [*Ibid.*, *fol. 8.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

April 24. The same to the same. To free the *Deliverance*, Thomas Mar-
shall, master, and her crew of 16 men, who are under-named. [*Ibid.*
 $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

April 24. Entry of the discharge of John Walker, formerly committed for
disobeying their Lordships' order, upon his submission and per-
formance of the same. [*Ibid.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

April 24. See "Papers relating to Appointments in the Navy."

April 24. 71. Roger Vaughan, Sheriff of co. Hereford, to Nicholas. Has
paid to Sir William Russell 2,780*l.* out of 3,500*l.* ship-money for
that county. What remains he purposes to levy with what speed
may be. Desires the Lords to write to the justices of the peace for
that county, not to change any of the constables until they have
paid in the ship-money. If others come in before they have paid
what is in their charge, it would cause much trouble and confusion
in the accounts. If the Lords would write to the mayor of Hereford
and the bailiffs of Leominster, it would hasten the payment of their
money. [*Seal with crest.* 1 p.]

April 24. 72. Sir Robert Banastre, Sheriff of co. Northampton, to the same.
Passenham. Encloses a letter from the Lords, wherein they seem doubtful why

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Richard James was bound over to appear before them. In the recognizance it is expressed "for that he would not make an assessment," which yet he has not performed. His proceedings are, as is alleged, maintained by the Earl of Northampton, by relation of such as be more for their own profits than for the Earl's. Suspects the person to be Mr. Goodman, who pays the Earl 340*l.* per annum for what sufficient tenants might be had at 500*l.*, and yet brings this business in question for 3*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* Upon making out the high constable's first warrant, complaint was made by the town of Horton that they were not equally rated, which being made apparent, the writer reduced their assessment 3*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, which he laid upon Ashby. Upon their complaint it appeared that they were still undervalued. Yet James refuses to make an assessment for the 3*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, but tenders only the 19*l.* at which Ashby was previously assessed. Has appointed James to attend the Lords on the 28th inst. [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

April 24.
The Swiftsure
in the Downs.

73. Sir John Pennington to Nicholas. Thanks Nicholas for his several "newesses." Has been over to Dunkirk with a convoy, where there is no other speech, as Rabenett says, but of the surrender of the Palatinate and the Electorship, but that is out of the writer's creed. The Roebuck has come thither from Portsmouth, and the First, Second, and Fifth Whelps, with the Dreadnought and the Henrietta Maria from Chatham. Has dispatched for the west the Dreadnought, the Second Whelp, and the Greyhound pinnaces, for scouring those parts; and the First Whelp for Calais, to receive aboard Mons. D'Avaux, the French ambassador to Sweden, to be transported to Hamburgh, with other ships to Dunkirk and elsewhere. Has employment enough for all the shipping he has there. Capt. Ketelby, who arrived yesterday, tells him that the Prince Palatine's voyage is off, and that Sir Henry Mervin is to come out in the [St.] George. Prays to know the certainty thereof. Will not forget the "Gunne" [Guinea] fowls for Nicholas's bed-fellow. [*Seal with arms.* 2 *pp.*]

April 24.
Deptford.

74. Sir William Russell to the same. Sends estimate of the full charge of the fleet commanded to the seas, which being lame in the money for the office of the Ordnance, he desires Nicholas to perfect it and to present it to the Lords. Has also sent an estimate of a surcharge for the great ship at Woolwich, to be presented to the Lord Treasurer, and afterwards to the Lords of the Admiralty, that they may inform his Majesty and take order to prevent the cessation of the works, and the clamour of the men now working at Woolwich, to whom there is already due above 1,000*l.* in wages. Has also sent the surveys and estimates of the ships remaining in harbour. Prays him to procure the Lords to sign the great estimate, the writer's privy seal warranting him to pay no more money than is demanded by estimate under their hands. [1 *p.*]

April 24.
Buckland.

75. John Button, Sheriff of Hants, to the same. Has paid of the ship-money 3,453*l.*, and has order to pay 1,000*l.* more, which for the

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most part is already in hand. The remainder will not be so easily gotten. He must be forced to distrain for the most part of it.
[*Seal with arms.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 24. 76. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sir John Pennington.
Dorset House. Has received his Majesty's commands for transporting Monsr. du Perron, her Majesty's almoner. When Pennington receives the Earl's warrant, which he has given to du Perron, he is to fit him with one of the ships that shall be with him. Believes the Second Whelp has come to him in [the Downs], and doubts not that he has sent away the other two to the west. It is expected some vessels should be in those parts, and the ammunition bark, called the George, of Rochester, requires speedy convoy to Portsmouth. The Second Whelp may follow alone, but he would not have any vessel designed for the Prince Elector to stir far without further order. Is informed that there is such a defect in the keel of the Nicodemus that she cannot safely stay out. Would have her speedily sent into Chatham to be made tight and victualled, unless Pennington finds her fit to keep the sea. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 24. 77. Petition of Peter Seale, Peter Clungeon, and John Guillian, of Southampton, merchants, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioners, to their charge of 1,000*l.*, having made ready the St. George, of Southampton, of 70 tons, to sail on a fishing voyage to Newfoundland, most of her men being pressed away, her voyage is likely to be overthrown. Pray that the men, whose names are annexed, may be freed from impressment. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

77. I. *List of men belonging to the St. George, Abel Thomas, master.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 24. 78. Bishop Juxon, Lord Treasurer, to Sir John Pennington. The captain of the Star, of Dunkirk, has attended the bishop with Pennington's certificate of the stay of his ship, which he pretends to belong to Dantzick, and not to be liable to the composition of half custom made by the factors of Flanders with his Majesty's farmers. The bishop finds that this ship, though she pretends to be of Dantzick, is of Holland, and manned by Dutchmen, and that she endeavours to draw that trade, now settled at Dover much to the advantage of Flanders merchants, to Dantzick or some other place. The bishop at first thought to have confirmed the stay of the ship until his Majesty had been acquainted therewith, and some public act of state settled for the future prevention thereof, but the captain having shown him a safe conduct from the King of Poland, and considering that the debate would require time, the bishop was content to let her proceed on her voyage. Believes his Majesty will give such order for the future as may best preserve that trade in Dover. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

April 24. 79. Minute of proceedings before Sec. Windebank on a charge brought by Hugh Aston, Clerk of the Robes, against Mr. Rives, Clerk of the Cheque for the Guard, that at a private conference on

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the eve of St. George's Day, being the 16th April instant, betwixt Hugh Aston, Rives, and one Horne, a yeoman of the guard, in the Guard Chamber at Whitehall, Rives called Aston a dishonest man and a base fellow. Windebank reported of Aston that in all the time he had lived in Court, which was from the first year of King James, he was reputed a very civil honest man, and descended from an ancient family of gentlemen in Cheshire, whereupon Rives begged his pardon, which Aston accepted, first in obedience to his Majesty's edicts against duels, next in contemplation of Rives's relation to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and lastly in an expression of thankfulness to Sec. Windebank for appearing so favourably for his honour and safety. [$1\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 24. 80. Note by Capt. Thomas White of ordnance required in his ship, the Expedition. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

April 24. 81. Information of Thomas Bredcake, master of the Prudence, of London, taken up for the King's service, that John Rowse, William Burnett, and William Jones, pressed to serve in the Prudence, made default. Rowse had been pressed aboard the Susan, of Ipswich, bound for Newcastle. William Burnett had said he would be hanged before he would serve the King for 14s. a month, and Jones had been pressed aboard the Susan and Ellen, bound for New England. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 24. 82. List of masters and mariners of the three cloth ships, the Deborah, of Ipswich, the John, of Ipswich, and the Deliverance, bound for Eastland, for whom the Eastland merchants pray warrant that they may not be pressed. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 24. 83. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 2,780*l.* paid by Roger Vaughan, sheriff of co. Hereford, in part of 3,500*l.* charged on that county for ship-money by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

April 25. 84. The King to Montjoy Earl of Newport, Master of the
Westminster. Ordnance. Recites commission of the 8th March last, whereby the King declared that he had taken into his own hands all the saltpetre within the kingdom to be converted into gunpowder, and gave the Lords of the Admiralty authority to grant warrants to the Master of the Ordnance to sell, to such persons as the Lords of the Admiralty should direct, such quantities of gunpowder as should be required. Also recites a proclamation, dated the 20th February last, for prohibiting the importation of foreign gunpowder. Indirect ways having been used to hinder the performance of this work, the King, by the present commission, authorizes the Earl of Newport to license retailers of gunpowder, and directs that no unlicensed persons should buy or sell powder, and that all licensed persons should sell the same at the price ordered by proclamation, and should observe such articles as the Master of the Ordnance should think fit, with various other regulations, amongst them, that the officers of the Ordnance should always reserve in store 150 lasts, and that the Master of the Ordnance should have power to give warrant to persons to search

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all ships, vessels, houses, shops, warehouses, cellars, garrets, closets, rooms, and places whatsoever for gunpowder imported in contempt of the King's proclamation. [*Printed in black letter, fol. 5 pp.*]

April 25.

85. Petition of masters and owners of ships trading to Newcastle for coals to the King. That trade has been a great increase of shipping, and a great nursery of seamen ever ready within the realm. Some few of the free hostmen of Newcastle, being lately questioned for defrauding the customs by short entries of coals, have endeavoured to procure their discharge by propounding to yield his Majesty a new payment of 12*d.* for every chaldron of coals shipped from thence. They also endeavour to procure a grant that some few of them may have the sole vending of all coals at Newcastle, and the lading of ships with coals. The shippers have ever had a free market; but these few persons having the sole trade, compel owners of ships to take coals mingled of all sorts, and deliver the coals by a deceitful way of weight in the keels. Although the new impost of 12*d.* a chaldron was imposed as a redemption of the hostmen's wrongs, they lay the whole on petitioners, receiving from them 12*s.* for every chaldron, for which they before paid but 11*s.* Some years ago the like engrossing of coals was condemned by the Council for an innovation and monopoly. Petitioners pray that they may be left to their ancient liberty to buy of what free hostmen they may receive best commodity and justest dealing, and that the hostmen may be ordered to deliver their coals by a just measure, which is by an upright bowl. Petitioners offer to pay the new impost of 12*d.* upon every chaldron, which will yield a greater revenue by free and open trade than by this restraint, as may appear by an estimate formerly made of 20,000 tons vended annually, which will amount to 10,000*l.* by the year, and will much encourage the building of ships and educating mariners. *Underwritten,*

85. 1. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer to acquaint his Majesty what he thinks fit to be done for his service. Whitehall, 25th April 1637. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

April 25.

Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of London to the King. The late King, by letters patent of 29th April, in the 20th year of his reign, granted to petitioners that for relief of the poor they might buy 4,000 chalders of sea coals at Newcastle or elsewhere, and bring the same to London free from all tolls, impositions, or other charge whatsoever. Forasmuch as of late there is a new charge demanded, petitioners pray that they may have the benefit of the late King's grant. [1 p.] *Underwritten,*

1. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington, who are to order the business as they shall think fit. Whitehall, 25th April 1637. [See Book of Petitions, Vol. cccxxviii., p. 68. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

April 25.
Wells.

86. Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells, to the Council. By virtue of their reference, the writer has examined the charge against Henry

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Hodges, late sheriff of Somerset, for detaining in his hands 50*l.* or 60*l.*, part of the money collected for shipping. Finds that Mr. Hodges is justly assessed towards the business of shipping in his own tithing of Hasilbeare at 14*l.*, whereof 4*l.* is for his farm, and 10*l.* for his personal estate, which he has not yet paid; and that he has in his hands of the ship-money several other sums, the particulars of which are stated, amounting in the whole, with the above, to 52*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*, which he is to pay. [1½ *p.*]

April 25.
Durham.

87. Sir John Calverley and John Heighington, Mayor of Durham, to the Council. Summoned a meeting of the maltsters within co. Durham, and enclose a schedule of the names of those that attended. Read to them the articles enclosed in the letters of the Council. They are content to live under a government and be conformable to the articles. [1 *p.*] *Enclosed,*

87. I. *Schedule of the names of the persons above mentioned.*
[2 *pp.*]

April 25.

88. Petition of Cuthbert Collin, one of his Majesty's trumpeters, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner being deputed by the Sergeant Trumpeter to assist him for pressing trumpeters, he pressed John Digges, who, in disdain of the service, vilely abused petitioner, calling him base rogue, and challenged him to fight. Prays the Lords to take that course with Digges which shall be thought fit. [¾ *p.*] *Underwritten,*

88. I. *Certificate of Sergeant Josias Broom, that he appointed Collin to press Digges.* [⅓ *p.*]

April 25.

89. Robert Smyth to Nicholas. Since the death of Mr. Mason he has been much troubled to get an able man to assist him. Prays Nicholas to move the Lord Chamberlain to order a kinsman of Henry Kyme (of his own name) to be sworn a messenger extraordinary to be employed in the Admiralty and Navy as assistant to Smyth. *Underwritten,*

89. I. *Note by Henry Kyme, engaging himself that his kinsman, Henry Kyme, shall discharge the employment faithfully.*
[¾ *p.*]

April 25.
Whitehall.

Commissioners for saltpetre and gunpowder to Montjoy Earl of Newport, Master of the Ordnance. To supply 28 barrels of gunpowder at 18*d.* per pound to Edward Johnson, master of the Unicorn, of London, employed in his Majesty's service. [See this present Vol., No. 51. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 25.
West Dean.

90. Dr. Matthew Nicholas to his brother, Edward Nicholas. Thanks for his affectionate care of the writer's wife and child, in consulting with Dr. More. Long details respecting the state of health of several members of the families of the writer and his brother. To avoid suspicion of a precontract, the widow of the writer's predecessor at Wherwell has received 10*l.* already, and is to have, as the writer's

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free charity, 10*l.* more at Michaelmas; more his patron would not suffer. The writer conceives that he has wrong done him in the report that he flinched from his noble patron's arbitrament in a matter between the writer and Mr. Glanville. Comments on an opinion of Sir Robert Pye in relation to the same matter. Can say nothing of New Court farm until he has seen it; but such an improvement has been made of late years, and the Lord Gorges is a man so intent upon his advantage, that he thinks it will be hard to meet with a good bargain there. The purchase of Laverstock is already concluded. Comments at length on arrangements respecting schools for Edward's sons. [3 *pp.*]

April 25.

91. Petition of Thomas Hitchcock to Archbishop Laud. The Bishop of Lincoln should see the archbishop's orders maintained, and he is a light to pull them down, for he has sold a parsonage for 2,600*l.*, and his chaplain helped to break down all the chancel windows, and the communion table thrown out, and the chancel made a jakes-house of, and this has been complained to the bishop, and he will not hear. Petitioner desires that the archbishop will refer the hearing to Sir John Lambe. Petitioner, by reason of the plague, has been in Lancashire, where all the orders of the Church go down the wind, for they call the surplices the rags of Rome; they do it at Preston and at Manchester, and will suffer no organs, nor sign no children with the sign of the cross when they are christened, and the altars are pulled down. When petitioner was returning into Lincolnshire to go to Boston, to bring the names of those that abused the archbishop, at his lodging-house there were two of Stamford who threatened to thrust a knife through him, and he was fain to fly from his lodging, and almost perished in the field all night. They rid up and down to seek him, and he left his clothes behind him and durst not fetch them. Beseeches the archbishop that the articles in the High Commission Court concerning Barkworth and Littler may proceed, with reference to whom and to Mr. Richard Wolfe and Mr. Vicars there are various scandalous statements. Petitioner concludes with a humble request for some allowance for his victuals, having lost his purse between Ware and London with 16*s.* in it, and not being suffered to work at his trade neither within nor without the liberty. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

April 26.

92. Draft entry on Council Register of appearance of certain merchants-adventurers with other Spanish and French merchants, and some of the clothiers of Essex, for satisfying the Lords concerning the present stop of the trade of baize in that county, and the means to free the same. It was ordered that the merchants-adventurers and clothiers should confer with the Earl of Warwick and other gentlemen of the county, and should prepare a declaration for satisfying the Lords against Friday then next. If the merchants should not resolve of a course for taking off such baize as remains in the clothiers' hands, the Lords will direct some course to remove that inconvenience. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

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April 26. 93. Petition of Sir William Middleton, the Governor, and the Company of the New River, to the Council. Understand that the petition of William Lewin, touching the place of clerk to the company, stands referred by his Majesty to the Lords; from which place Lewin had been removed for fraud, as by annexed order appears. Divers of the company being in the country, and having with them the company's writings, and the accounts and his Majesty's rent being now to be made up, and a suit by that company in the Court of Requests against Lewin being set down for hearing next term, he having been absent from his place these four years, petitioners desire a respite of proceedings upon the said reference until next term. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

93. 1. *Order for petitioners, with Josias Barners and Lewin, to attend the Board on Wednesday, the 3rd of May, and to come prepared to inform the Lords of all matters in difference. Whitehall, 26th April 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

April 26. 94. Inventory taken by Sir John Wolstenholme and Sir Dudley Carleton, and addressed to Sec. Coke, of things found in a trunk and case brought out of Flanders by Hugh Lawes, skipper, belonging to Thomas Challoner. They consisted principally of pictures and books. Some writings which appeared to have some relation to the State were sealed up and sent to Sec. Coke. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 26. 95. Order of the Master of the Rolls in a cause between Katherine Viscountess Conway and Edward Viscount Conway. Defendant having stood out all process of contempt to a commission of rebellion for not performing the decree of the court, and obscuring himself that he cannot be found, it was ordered that the sergeant-at-arms should apprehend and bring him into court to answer the said contempt. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

April 26. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. To take up a
Whitehall. ketch, and to cause her to be manned, victualled, and furnished, so as to be ready to go to sea with the fleet. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 8. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

April 26. 96. Officers of the Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. They have,
Deptford. as directed, consulted the sea-books of the two last years' employments, but are not able thereby to discern the difference of what was saved by the musters of their clerks in 1635 and the muster of Mr. Barlow in 1636. In 1635 they find divers dead pays lined out of the sea-books and none in 1636, yet they conceive Mr. Barlow's musters to be so strictly kept that captains and pursers did not enter into their sea-books any names to make trial of obtaining their wages. State wherein Mr. Barlow failed, and for the future desire that the muster-master may according to the ancient course receive his instructions from the Officers of the Navy, and send them muster-books of each ship in the fleet at least every three months. [1 p.]

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April 27. 97. Petition of the Fishery of the town of Yarmouth to the Council. Since the restraint of importation of foreign salt at ports between Southampton and Berwick except upon payment of 46s. 8d. per wey, petitioners have forborne all importation to their great loss. Herrings and fish in the heat of summer cannot be preserved without Spanish or bay-salt to mingle with the white. Pray licence to import a reasonable quantity of Spanish or bay-salt paying ancient customs and duties. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Annexed*,

97. i. *Certificate of Edward Nuttall, Deputy Governor of the salt-makers of South and North Shields, that that company is contented that the townsmen of Great Yarmouth should import 300 wey of foreign salt for supply of their herring fishery. 27th April 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

April 27. 98. Petition of Hamond Bawtree, clerk, to Archbishop Laud. In Friskney, co. Lincoln, there are two impropriations, and petitioner having been vicar there 25 years, two of his chiefest means have consisted of tithes of wool and lambs arising from Friskney Marsh, containing about 1,300 acres, and worth to him 60l. per annum. Part of the said marsh being recently converted to tillage, the farmers of the impropriations have not only received the tithes thereof, but prosecute petitioner in the Arches Court for the tithe of a small parcel of the marsh which he has in occupation. The remainder of the marsh being shortly to be embanked, petitioner's means and the future good of the church will be much impoverished, as by accompanying certificates may appear. Prays the archbishop to afford him present relief in his Court of Arches, and to deal therein as to his wisdom shall seem convenient. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten*,

98. i. *Minute of the archbishop's pleasure that Sir John Lambe should show petitioner all lawful favour. 27th April 1637. [1 p.]*

April 27. 99. Petition of William Bishop, master-gunner of the St. George, to the Lords of the Admiralty. For the last voyage petitioner accounted and received wages for himself and servants, but after the allowance of his accounts he was questioned for some super-expense, and bound over to answer objections before the judge of the Admiralty. Two sessions were called and he attended, but no parties came in to question him; yet now the ship being bound to sea again, he had been dismissed for this present voyage. Prays that, being an ancient servant at sea and in the navy near 40 years, he may be admitted upon the Defiance till the Lords shall find a time to conceive a better opinion of him. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 27. 100. Attested copy of presentment of the churchwardens and sidemen of Wolverhampton that Thomas Levison the younger was a recusant. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 28. Grant to William Ryley of the office of water-bailiff of the rivers Humber and Trent for 21 years, with all fines to be assessed by his

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Majesty's steward of the courts of conservancy of the same rivers at the yearly rent of 20*l.*, all liberties granted to her Majesty within the manors of Epworth, Barton, Barrow and Goxhill in co. Lincoln, and in the manor of Newark, co. Nottingham, being excepted, and the lessee to take care of the rivers and the preservation of the fry of fish there. [*Docquet.*]

April 28. Grant to Dame Christian Shelley, one of the chamberers to her Majesty, of a pension of 150*l.*, being the moiety of 300*l.* per annum granted to Mrs. Mawle, lately deceased. [*Docquet.*]

April 28. The like of a similar pension to Mrs. Arpe, one of the chamberers to her Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

April 28. Warrant to the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay to Martin Pattison 12*d.* per day, as yeoman of his Majesty's bows supernumerary, in place of Samuel Norris, the same to commence from the death of Henry Welt. [*Docquet.*]

April 28. The like to the Master of the Great Wardrobe for a livery for Martin Pattison, being the allowance which Norris formerly had. [*Docquet.*]

April 28. The like to the same for a livery of 76*s.* per annum for Martin Pattison, huntsman for his Majesty's "shoote" hounds, over and above his livery as yeoman of the bows. [*Docquet.*]

April 28. The like for a livery of 20*l.* per annum for Samuel Norris, yeoman of the bows in ordinary, in place of Henry Welt, deceased. [*Docquet.*]

April 28. 101. Order of Council upon petition of George Cox, son of Whitehall. George Cox, deceased, late one of the keepers of the Council Chamber. Petitioner stated that, notwithstanding his Majesty's promise that petitioner should have the reversion of the said place, and a caveat entered in the Signet Office accordingly, Bryan Case, a man 70 years of age, who was in reversion and petitioner next to succeed him, has sold his reversion to a young man of 20, who is passing a new grant, whereupon petitioner prayed relief. It was ordered that the new grant should be stayed, and the Council prayed the Lord Privy Seal and the Lord Keeper to take notice thereof, and ordered the clerk of the Signet who passed the grant contrary to the caveat to attend the Board to answer the same. [1 *p.*] *Annexed,*

101. I. *Copy of the petition of George Cox above mentioned.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

101. II. *Copy caveat stated above to have been entered at the Signet Office. 2nd October 1633.* [$\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

April 28. 102. Petition of Thomas Horth, of Yarmouth, merchant, to the Council. The Corporation of "Sopers" of Westminster contracted with petitioner for 350 or 400 tons of Greenland train oil to be last year delivered for his Majesty's service, in regard the Greenland

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merchants of London did not import a sufficient quantity. Most of the oil was long since delivered, and the Soapers compelling petitioner to deliver the rest, petitioner has made provision of the same to be brought to London, his Majesty's customs and duties for the same being paid on the 4th of March last. By order of the 8th March last, the Lords ordered all oil brought in by any save the Greenland merchants should be exported again or seized to his Majesty's use. By virtue of that order Newman and Measer, two of his Majesty's officers, have hung locks on petitioner's warehouse doors, and pretend to have petitioner's oil exported or seized, although it was at Yarmouth, and there the custom was paid before the 8th March, but it was detained by contrary winds. Petitioner prays order to the officers that he may be suffered to deliver the oil to the soap-boilers, the quantity being 140 tons, brought in the ship Relief. [1 p.] *Endorsed,*

102. I. *Order for Mr. Gage, governor of the Corporation of Soap-makers of Westminster, and one or two of the Greenland Company to attend the Board on the morrow. Star Chamber, 28th April 1637. Annexed,*

102. II. *Contract made by George Gage, governor of the Company of Soapmakers, with Thomas Horth, of Yarmouth, for 350 or 400 tons of whale train oil, to be delivered at London, in the Thames, at 20l. per ton. 10th January 1635-6. [Attested copy. ½ p.]*

102. III. *Lord Treasurer Juxon to the Officers of the Customs. Thomas Horth paying his Majesty's customs and duties is to be permitted to land such quantity of oil as he has contracted with the Company of Soapmakers to deliver for that year. 18th June 1636. [Attested copy. 1 p.]*

102. IV. *Order of Council upon the petition of Edmond Manning, praying licence to bring hither out of Holland 60 tons of whale oil. On reading the answer of the Muscovy Company, the Lords ordered that if Manning or any other should bring over any such oil or whale fins, that they should forthwith transport the same, otherwise it might be seized according to his Majesty's proclamation. Whitehall, 8th March 1636-7. [Copy. 1 p.]*

102. V. *Certificate of William Barrett, comptroller and collector of customs at Yarmouth, that Thomas Horth had paid the subsidy and impost for 130 tons of Greenland train oil in the Relief, of Ipswich, Thomas Cleecher, master, and is to be suffered to pass to London. 4th March 1637 [i.e., 1637-8, sed qu. 1636-7.] [Attested copy. ½ p.]*

April 28. 103. *Statement in the form of articles or interrogatories put forth by Dr. John Heigenius, administrator of the estate of Gerhard Polman, gem merchant, with the view of recovering certain portions of the estate of which Polman died possessed. After traversing*

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many countries in search of precious stones, Polman in the year 1631 put himself on board an English East Indiaman in Persia, on his way home. He had with him a large collection of gems and precious stones, collected during the previous 30 years. On the homeward voyage Polman was poisoned by Abraham Porter, surgeon of the East Indiaman, and his goods were divided among the crew of the ship. The crime becoming known, parts of his estate ultimately came into the hands of the East India Company; of the Earl of Lindsey, to whom letters of administration were granted in trust for the true heirs; of Nicholas Pope, goldsmith in Fleet Street, and Rachel his wife; of one Nowel, a goldsmith on Holborn Bridge; and also of Christopher Adams. Against these persons Heigenius now seeks justice. [*Latin.* 3½ pp.]

April 28. 104. Petition of Capt. Thomas Hill, prisoner in the Gatehouse, to Lords of the Admiralty. About a year since petitioner being in company of Sir Thomas Puryent [Perient] and others, Sir John Caswell coming into the same place with two women of lewd condition, drew upon petitioner, who in his own defence hurt Sir John in his hand. Sir John indicted petitioner, but not being able to prove any just matter against him, waived that course, and arrested him upon an action of 2,000*l.*, petitioner never having to do with him for one penny. Petitioner having a command from Sir Henry Mainwaring to repair aboard the Unicorn, as by certificate appears, Sir John said he did not care for his certificate, but would justify his arrest. Prays the Lords to take order for his freedom. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 28. 105. Capt. William Rainsborough to Capt. George Carteret, Aboard the Leopard. Captain and Vice-Admiral aboard the Antelope. Understanding that the French "Satta" has divers men of Sallee aboard him, the writer has sent the bearer, one of his master's mates, to search for them and to see what other munitions he has more than his bill of lading speaks of. Desires that with Carteret's assistance he may search the ship and bring away the Moors if there be any. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 28. 106. Mr. Browne's estimate for ordnance for the two new pinnaces now in building, which, with the Leopard and Antelope, are appointed to serve against the Turks of Sallee. Total, 2,399*l.* 16*s.* [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 28. 107. Certificate by Officers of the Navy of a surcharge of moneys paid in 1636, more than the country moneys received in that year came to. Total, 27,100*l.* [1 p.]

April 28. 108. Sir Henry Palmer to Nicholas. Received a letter from him with an extract of a letter from the Vice-Admiral of Essex, intimating that the writer had freed some fishermen at Barking. This is no new thing, but an ancient order from the Greencloth to the Comptrollers of the Navy, and continued ever since Mr. Houlstock's times, for which, at first, the fishermen presented the Comptroller every Friday in Lent with oysters and other fish, but since in the writer's father's time and Sir Guildford Slingsby's, at the request

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of those men, the present being valued, eight of them, which was the number constantly freed, paid it in money, upon which pretence Palmer takes it as belonging to his place, though little worth pretending to. [*Seal with crest and motto.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 28.

109. Edward Lawson, of Swinstead, co. Lincoln, clerk, to Andrew Halford, of Kilby, co. Leicester. Lease in consideration of 27*l.* of the tithes arising from the meadows in the manor of Creeton, co. Lincoln, due from the said Andrew Halford to the said Edward Lawson, as rector of Creeton, for three years, to commence from 1st of May next. [1 p.]

April 29.
Westminster.

110. The King to Bishop Juxon, Lord High Treasurer, the Earls of Lindsey and Dorset, Lord Cottington, Sir Henry Vane, and Secs. Coke and Windebank. Commission to hear all causes of appeal from sentences of the Court of Admiralty concerning prizes taken by virtue of letters of marque, with power to affirm, reverse, alter, or make new the same sentences as shall be thought fit. [*Copy.* $2\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]

April 29.

111. William Newton, Robert Broome, and Edmond Whiting, on behalf of themselves and the rest of their trade, to the Council. Statement of their grievances as bay and say weavers at Colchester, principally arising from their masters compelling them to take "dead commodities" in payment of their wages. This seems a statement, probably prepared at Colchester, for the workmen, and afterwards put into the customary form of a petition which occurs in this Volume, No. 153. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

111. i. *Certificate of the truth of the above statement, signed by 28 persons who wrote their names, and by 46 who attached their marks.* [1 p.]

April 29.
Whitehall.

Notes by Nicholas of businesses to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Settle concerning saltpetremen's deputations, for which purpose the Officers of the Ordnance are to attend. Hear Sir John Meldrum about his patent for lights at Wintertonness and Orfordness. Letter from the Officers of the Navy touching Mr. Barlow's service as muster-master of the fleet the last summer. Appeal to the Lords as delegates in a cause between Gaspar Burt, appellant, against Humphry and Thomas Hooke, defendants. Sir John Rayney to attend, being sent for by a messenger upon complaint of Vincent the saltpetremen. Mr. Waad [Wade?], merchant of Dover, sent for by close warrant upon affirmation of Henry Dunning about goods and money carried into foreign parts by the post barks. Direct whether Sir Henry Mainwaring shall be appointed rear-admiral of the fleet. [*See this present Vol., April 24, No. 70.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Henry Marten. To issue letters of marque to George Henley and Augustine Phillips to fit out the George, of 180 tons, Patrick Canada, master, for apprehending ships and goods of the United Provinces, in satisfaction of the loss of the Pelican, John Dowrish, master, taken in July 1633 by a man-of-war

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of Flushing, Adrian Claeson, master, to the damage of the said Henley and Phillips of 6,131*l.* 5*s.* [*Copy. See Vol. cxxx., p. 4.**]

April 29. Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Henry Marten. Similar authority to set forth the Desire, of 300 tons, Matthew Coachman, master, in satisfaction of the same loss mentioned in the preceding article. [*Minute. Ibid., p. 5.**]

[April 29.] 112. Note signed by George Henley and Augustine Phillips, containing particulars of the ships for which they desired the two preceding letters. [$\frac{1}{4}$ *p.*]

April 29. Lords of the Admiralty to Bishop Morton, of Durham. Recite Whitehall. the petition of Robert Rugge, lieutenant of the fort in Holy Island, calendared in the present Vol., under date of April 22, No. 54. Pray the bishop to examine the truth of the said complaint; what number of men ought to be kept upon the said fort, and how many have of late been maintained; what pay is allowed by his Majesty, and how paid; what ordnance belongs to the same, and in what state; whether it be, in the opinion of the gentlemen of the country adjoining, fit to maintain or demolish the said fort, and in case of demolition whether it be necessary for his Majesty to have a house-keeper there, and how fit Rugge is for that trust, and what is his condition and behaviour. [*Copy. Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 9. 1 p.*]

April 29. The same to Mark Carr, John Davies, and other the executors of Sir Whitehall. James Parrett [Perrott], late Deputy Vice-Admiral of co. Pembroke. Complaint is made by the Spanish ambassador, in the name of John le Drue, master of the Waterhound, taken by Dunkirkers from the Hollanders, and by tempest driven into Tenby, where for want of the copy of the captain's commission the ship was by Sir James Parrett arrested, the said Sir James afterwards treating to buy the same in his own name, but chiefly for the use of John More and Richard Wyatt. It is also informed that the persons addressed being executors of Sir James with More and Wyatt, combining with two of the mariners, seized the said ship (she being at that time under seizure of the customer for his Majesty's use), and that putting out all the mariners they detain her to this present. They are to send an inventory of the ship, furniture, and lading, and to see that the same be kept in safe custody till further order. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 10. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]

April 29. The same to the Sheriff of co. Pembroke and the Mayor of Tenby. Whitehall. The Lords have received complaint that John le Drue, master of the Waterhound, was arrested by the mayor of Tenby, and is still detained in prison (he being a stranger) till he can find sureties, in regard of words spoken against John More and for some small debt. Drue has been long imprisoned, and has suffered much injury by some persons in that town, for which cause they have been sent for to answer the complaints made against them. The ship and goods brought into Tenby being much more

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than sufficient to answer the debts and damages done by le Drue, the persons addressed are to release him and send certificate upon what actions he was committed. [*Copy. Vol. cccliii., fol. 10. ½ p.*]

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Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Robert Smith, messenger. To bring John More and Richard Wyatt, both of Tenby, before the Lords to answer matters to be objected against them with a clause of assistance. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 10 b. ½ p.*]

April 29.

The same to the same. To bring William Richardson, saltpetreman for co. York, before the Lords. [*Minute. Ibid. 3 lines.*]

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The same to the same. To bring John Digges. [*Minute. Ibid. 3 lines.*]

April 29.

The same to the same. To bring Richard Cooper, living at the Red Lion at Shadwell; William Burnett, mariner; — Cason, master of the Susan, of Ipswich; John Rowse, mariner; Edward Payne, master of the Susan and Ellen; and William Jones, mariner. [*Minute. Ibid. 6 lines.*]

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Whitehall.

Order of the Lords of the Admiralty on the complaint of Francis Vincent, saltpetreman, against Sir John Rayney, of Wrotham, Kent, Baronet of Scotland, for refusing to carry a load of liquor to Maidstone for the saltpetre works, alleging that he was exempted as being a knight and baronet, as certified under the hands of Edward Woodin and Jacob Heath, constables of Wrotham. It appeared also under the hands of Sir John Sedley and Sir John Howell, two justices of peace of the said county, that Woodin repairing to them to know whether Sir John were exempt or not, they told him that he was no more exempt than any other gentleman, for that they knew he had not received the honour of knighthood. The Lords having heard Sir John Rayney, ordered that he should remain in the messenger's custody until he paid the costs and charges of the saltpetreman and likewise the messenger's fees. [*Copy. Ibid. ¾ p.*]

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Whitehall.

Similar Order. On perusal of propositions presented by the Officers of the Ordnance (*see No. 115*), the Earl of Newport is to treat with such of the saltpetremen as have not failed to bring in their full proportions according to their contracts, and such other persons as he shall think fit, and to prepare contracts with them at the same rates as formerly, and on the same conditions, only where able men are willing to have longer time than from three years to three years the Earl may give more time upon good security, and may vary the contracts in what he should conceive advantageous to his Majesty's service. [*Ibid., fol. 11 b. 1 p.*]

April 29.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to all Admirals and Prestmasters. To permit the Prosperous, of London, and her mariners, whose names are subjoined, quietly to proceed in her voyage to the Straits without impressment. [*Ibid., fol. 12. 1 p.*]

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The same to the same. The like protection for the Martha and Frances, of London, bound for Newfoundland. [*Ibid., fol. 12 b. 1 p.*]

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April 29. Entry of appearance of Sir John Rayney, in custody of a messenger. He is to attend the Lords and remain in the messenger's custody. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 8 b. 6 lines.*]

April 29. The like of the appearance of William Wade, sent for by a close warrant. [*Ibid. 4½ lines.*]

April 29. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. To give order
Whitehall. to the Treasurer of the Navy to send a sum of money with the fleet, for payment of hurt and sick men discharged, and for furnishing the mariners with clothes or other necessities according as the Earl of Northumberland, as Lord General of the fleet, shall direct. [*Copy. Ibid. 1 p.*]

April 29. 113. Considerations presented by the Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty, touching the punishment of abuses in pressing of seamen for his Majesty's service. First, what punishment may be inflicted on Oliver Pope and Richard Darby, two pressed men, and William Bradford, commanded to serve in his Majesty's ships bound to sea, who have been prisoners in gaol about three weeks, Mr. Recorder of London and the justices of that bench not being well resolved for their trial without more exact proofs. After full statement of the particulars of these several cases, the officers mention various questions relating to what is the proper mode of impressment, how men may be prevented taking money from several prestmasters without really intending to serve at all, and how those may be punished who absent themselves from the prestmaster, and those who never appear after receiving money, or who after appearance run away. In all these cases and questions the officers desire the direction of the Lords. [*2½ pp.*]

April 29. 114. Officers of Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. According to
Mincing Lane. their letter of the 20th of March, mentioning a complaint of much ill cordage in his Majesty's ships at sea in 1636, the writers find that the quantity remaining in Deptford storehouse of Russia cordage is only 22 tons 5 cwt., whereof there are 4 cables of 11 inches and the rest is in halsers and small cordage. Conceive there is little or none left in other places except in the ships lately returned from sea, being not considerable enough to spend time and charges to go to Chatham, Portsmouth, and the Downs to view the same, finding none of that in the storehouse but may be used, though not altogether so strong and good as home-made cordage. [*1 p.*]

April 29. 115. Officers of Ordnance to the same. Report according to order of the 3rd of April, by which they were, 1st, to treat with the Deputy Saltpetremen touching the renewing of their contracts; 2nd, to prepare the heads of a contract; 3rd, to treat with any other sufficient men who would undertake to make saltpetre at reasonable rates; and 4th, to certify the Lords accordingly. They have conferred with John Giffard and five others of the saltpetremen. State the grievances of which they complain, which were principally the rise in the prices of wood ashes and coals, the

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decay in the quantity of good ground for making saltpetre, the defects in carriage, and the irregularity of payment. All these points are discussed and the opinion given thereon of the Officers of the Ordnance. [8½ pp.]

April 29. 116. Petition of Capt. William Smith to Lords of the Admiralty. By warrant of 13th March 1635, petitioner took charge of and gave attendance upon the Black George, with his four servants, who were kept at Portsmouth at his sole charge from the 13th March to 11th September following, petitioner not having been allowed one penny. His Majesty gives bounty to captains of a full month's pay, in consideration of their travelling charges, which is denied to petitioner, though he was more charged than any other captain, being compelled by reason of the leakiness of the Black George to take many journeys to London, Deptford, and other places in the interim, keeping his servants at Portsmouth, a most chargeable place, so that his expenses amounted to 300*l*. Prays order that he may receive his wages for himself and retinue from the 13th of March to the 11th September, together with his month's pay of advancement. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 29. 117. Dr. Thomas Rives, Dr. Richard Zouch, Edward Nicholas, and Richard Wyan to the same. Have entered upon the auditing of the accounts of vice-admirals, and find that divers of them neglect to bring in their accounts yearly, being for the most part peers of the realm or his Majesty's servants, against whom no legal process without special leave may be awarded; besides which no fees are settled for the officer executing such process. Propound that letters be written to every vice-admiral who is a peer or his Majesty's servant, that he appoint some deputy who may be responsible for the execution of the vice-admiral's office, and the profits accruing to his Majesty out of the same. And further to give warrant to the Registrar of the Admiralty that in case the vice-admiral shall not give in his annual account, process be issued against his deputy, and that the officer employed to execute the same may have messenger's fees. [3 pp.]

April 29 [?]. 118. Thomas Wyan to Nicholas. Sends the preceding letter for Nicholas to put his hand to, also a petition from himself to be presented to the Lords, with his account and other papers. [1 p.]

April 29. 119. Thomas Smith to the same. The Lord General desires that Dorset House. Nicholas would send him a copy of the list, which he gave him at the beginning of his last employment, of the captains Nicholas thought fit to be presented to his Majesty's view. Lieutenant Colonel Brett has relinquished the service for this time, and his Majesty intends to choose another captain in his place. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

April 29. 120. Kenrick Edisbury to the same. At the instance of Captain Mincing Lane. William Smith, testifies the writer's knowledge concerning his

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attendance in the Black George. Smith showed them his warrant to be captain of that ship, under the Earl of Northumberland, dated 13th March 1635[-6]. Saw him divers times attending at the Council Chamber door with Sir John Harvey since the latter had a grant to borrow that ship. Saw him also at Portsmouth aboard that ship with Sir John Harvey, and since Captain Smith's return he has attended the Lord Treasurer at Fulham and the Lords of the Admiralty at London, which must have been a great charge to him. For all which he has had no allowance but his sea pay from the 11th September to the discharge of the ship, neither can they allow him anything without special warrant, because the ship was lent for private men's use. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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Whitbourne.

121. Bishop Coke, of Hereford, to Archbishop Laud. As he has referred the business concerning the dean's exempts, so leaves it to the archbishop to determine. Disposed his power to the dean and his registrar, rather than to the chancellor and his, to prevent offence to the former. Neither was it any indisposition in the writer towards the chancellor, who is a man of good worth, nor yet the fees that moved him, neither is he any ways further solicitous for the event than to be content with the archbishop's pleasure, who knows best his Majesty's meaning and will consider what may concern the bishop and his interest. For Mr. Toldervey the writer will do as the archbishop has directed. Many curateships to chapels in that diocese are supplied by 2*l.* or 4*l.* per annum allowed by the impropriators, who take upon them to collate for what allowance they can agree with some poor scholar by reading prayers once a month or perhaps not so oft. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

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122. Petition of John Cox, of Wotton-under-Edge, to the same. In May last petitioner, by petition, made known to the archbishop and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners how he was threatened to be ruined by Mr. Exon, minister of Wotton-under-Edge, for speaking the truth and performing service commanded by the bishop of the diocese and his chancellor's surrogate, and according to the archbishop's directions given to Sir Nathaniel Brent at the time of the visitation. Mr. Exon having made a common purse to prosecute petitioner, has preferred articles against him in the High Commission, to which petitioner made his answer, and obtained the archbishop's directions to Sir John Lambe to give him an account what was fit to be done therein, to the end, as petitioner conceived, that he might be dismissed the court, but he has been obliged to put in his defence. As petitioner suffers for his conformity, and is an officer of Christ Church in Oxford, and Mr. Exon has vexed him with a suit in the Marches of Wales of purpose to take away his testimony in the High Commission (wherein petitioner obtained an order for costs for unjust vexation), he prays a peremptory day may be set for hearing his cause or that he may be dismissed. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
Endorsed,

122. 1. *Statement of the reasons why petitioner is thus sued and vexed. They are because he had brought various charges of*

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immorality against Mr. Acson [Exon] and various other non-conforming clergymen. The parishioners said that all was idolatry that was required to be reformed by the archbishop in the church. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 29. 123. Particulars of the defects in supply under the contracts for saltpetre in 1636 for London and various counties held by Edward Thornhill and Thomas Thornhill, with suggestions in relation to the proposed new contracts. [1 p.]

April 29. 124. Statement of an equal division of the counties for making saltpetre, with their several proportions to be delivered weekly; total, 62 cwts. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 29. 125. Reasons assigned by Edward Thornhill why he failed to bring in his proportion of saltpetre for cos. Hertford, Bedford, Buckingham, and Northampton. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

April 29. 126. Certificate of Officers of the Customs that the ship Prosperous, of London, William Driver master, is ready to proceed on her voyage to the Straits. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

April 29. 127. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 100*l.* paid by John Whitaker, Mayor of Bedford, in part of 3,000*l.* charged upon co. Bedford by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

April 29. 128. Account of money levied upon writs of ship-money issued in October 1636. Paid to Sir William Russell, 82,568*l.*; levied and in the hands of the sheriffs, 28,547*l.*; total, 111,115*l.*, being 8,377*l.* more than expressed in paper of 22nd April 1637. [1 p.]

April 29. 129. Account by Sir William Russell of the sums remaining unpaid from the several counties under writs of ship-money issued in August 1635; total, 10,567*l.* 3*s.*; from which is to be deducted 200*l.* received from the late sheriff of Hants, and 47*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* surcharged on co. Lincoln, leaving only 9,750*l.* still in arrear. Paid since the last paper, 1,288*l.* [1 p.]

April 29. 130. Account by Sir William Russell of moneys received upon writs of ship-money issued in October 1636, since certificate of 22nd April; total, 5,080*l.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

April 30. 131. Petition of Michael Burton to the Council. Petitioner having taken great pains in soliciting the cause of Sara de Lastre in the Court of Arches against Mr. Gaultier, and having boarded and lodged her when she was in great want, she made him a bill obligatory of her own invention, in which she promised to pay him 16*l.* out of the first moneys which the court should allow her. The judge of the same court having allowed her 100 marks charges, she has agreed with Gaultier for 45*l.* and received part in hand, and is to receive the rest, being about 20*l.*, out of his wages in the Exchequer. De Lastre has lately gone away and has appointed Mr. de Pleurs to receive the amount. Petitioner prays your Lordships to order whom you please to call de Lastre's second assignee to show cause

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why petitioner should not receive his due according to his first assignment, and to report thereon for your final determination. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

131. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe, Dean of the Arches, and Dr. Rives, his Majesty's Advocate, to certify to the Board; and in the meantime Sir Robert Pye, Sir Edward Wardour, and Mr. Savile (one of the tellers of the Exchequer) are to stay the payment of the 20l. in the petition mentioned. Whitehall, 30th April 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] Annexed,*

131. II. *Bill obligatory of Sara de Lastre mentioned in the petition. 21st July 1634. [Copy. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

131. III. *Report of Sir John Lambe and Dr. Thomas Rives. Mr. de Pleurs had notice to attend the referees, but did not appear. State evidence received of the genuineness of the bill of Sara de Lastre, and certify that the 16l. is a due debt and ought to be paid to the complainant. 20th May 1637. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

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132. Order of the King in Council for revision of assessment for ship-money of the hundred of Rothwell, co. Northampton. Recites the papers upon this subject calendared under the dates of March 20, 1636-7 (*Vol. cccl., No. 37*), and March (?) 1637 (*Vol. cccli., Nos. 63 and 63 I.*), and orders that petitioners, being the inhabitants of the said hundred, should make choice of two persons and the sheriff of other two, who are to consider what way of assessment may be better than by the provisions for his Majesty's household, and how the surcharge laid upon the said hundred may be otherwise laid upon other hundreds of the county, and in case they shall not agree, they are to present in writing their opinions to the Bishop of Peterborough, who is to settle the same. A like complaint from the hundred of Guilsborough is ordered to be referred in the same manner to referees, and ultimately in case of need to the Bishop of Peterborough. [*Copy. 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ pp.*]

April 30.
Portsmouth.

133. John Goodwin to [Nicholas]. Prays him to move the Lords of the Admiralty that Goodwin might have leave for 20 days to come to London and to go to Ipswich, where he has not been these seven years, and he has houses there and wishes to settle how they should go after his death. The ships are all ready to go out with the first wind. They have all things in, and are full manned. [*Seal with arms. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

April 30.
Middle Temple.

134. Richard Lane to the same. According to their last conference he had attended his Grace, who took it well, and strongly assured him that he would give satisfaction of his care in the business. He said that if, amongst other things, when the King were in council, Nicholas would mention their town, he would privately inform the King of what concerns the writer's particular. Desires that the motion may not proceed as if from the writer, nor

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would he have the first letter very sharp; but if success come not of that, *currat lex*. [Seal with crest. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 30. 135. Richard Rogers, Sheriff of Dorset, to Nicholas. Has sent
Eusam up 3,200*l*. of the ship-money, which he hopes next week to make up
[Edmonsham?] 3,600*l*. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April 30. 136. Nicholas Saunder to S^r Dudley Carleton. Has bound over
Nonsuch Park. Giles Everest to answer his contempt at the Council for not removing from Ewell, being the nearest town to Nonsuch. He is very sorrowful for his contempt, and is willing to remove. He is so silly and simple an animal that he is a subject far unworthy for the Lords to be troubled with. To have him bound to the sessions would be a fearful doom for such a fearful creature. On the morrow there will be a fair at Ewell, which may breed danger by the great concourse of tradesmen, pedlars, and others. If directed to prohibit it, will do his best. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April 30. 137. Thomas Hull, one of the high constables of Chester ward,
Durham. co. Durham, to Sir William Belasys, sheriff of that county. Sir Thomas Tempest, Sir William Selby, Robert Anderson, and the most part of the freeholders of collieries say that they conceive they are not liable to pay ship-money for the same, except Thomas Liddell, mayor of Newcastle, who is very willing to pay. Sir Thomas Tempest, Sir Lionel Maddison, and the grand leasers acknowledge that they are liable to pay for their collieries, but for the present will part with no money. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April [30?] 138. Statement of the assessments for ship-money of the several hundreds of co. Northampton, as made by Sir John Dryden in 1635 and Sir Robert Bannister in 1636. [1 p.]

[April?] 139. Petition of Robert Powlett, heretofore the King's customer at Bridgewater and Minehead, to the King. States in brief the facts which appeared in depositions taken upon oath respecting the capture of his ship, the Dove, by certain Dutchmen of Rotterdam, which facts have frequently been stated in articles previously calendared, concluding with the King's letter to the States thereon of the 6th October 1635, and that of Sir William Boswell on the 17th March 1636-7. Sir William Boswell had certified that the granting of letters of reprisal to petitioner was now fully open. Prays a grant of the same accordingly. [1 p.] *Annexed*,

139. I. *A Brief and True Relation of the cause of Robert Powlett and company concerning the crying losses and spoils sustained in anno 1630, by Capt. T'Kint and his ship's company, with a ship called the St. Peter, of Rotterdam.* [$1\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

[April?] 140. Copy of the preceding petition of Robert Powlett [1 p.], with a copy also of the Brief and True Relation of his cause annexed. In this copy there is added to the Brief and True Relation a state-

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ment of the way in which the States General might "raise satisfaction from the despoilers of Powlett's ship." [2 $\frac{1}{4}$ pp.]

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141. Petition of Archibald Hay, one of his Majesty's servants, to the King. States the facts relating to the assignments of his pension made by the late Earl of Carlisle, as stated in the petition in this Volume, No. 46. Petitioner alone performed the funerals of the Earl, which by all law and conscience ought first to be paid, and is so ordered in Chancery. Prays order to the Lord Treasurer to command that 1,500*l.* of the said pension may be paid to petitioner towards the funeral charges, and the rest to remain till his Majesty be certified whether these assignments be effectual in law, and in what order to be satisfied. [1 p.]

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142. Petition of the same to the same. Petitioner, with Sir James Hay and Richard Hurst, were intrusted with part of the late Earl of Carlisle's estate for payment of his debts. Sir James being in Ireland on business concerning the estate, gave power to petitioner to perform the trust. Richard Hurst is in the country dangerously sick. He has under his custody the writings belonging to the Earl, without which petitioner is not able to proceed in things now most urgent for discharge of the trust. Prays order to the Secretary of State to grant a warrant to some fit person to go to the lodgings of Hurst and take the writings belonging to the said Earl, and deliver the same upon inventory to petitioner. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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143. Petition of the Saltmakers of South and North Shields to the same. The King established petitioners as a corporation for the making salt for supply of that part of the kingdom between Southampton and Berwick. Find that the multitude of refiners of salt hinder his Majesty's profit and that of the company, being the means of importations of foreign salt in by-creeks, and that they multiply the quantity of salt by their manner of refining. Pray that the refiners or melters of salt, and all others, may be restrained from setting up any new works or pans, but only to keep themselves to those works which they now have. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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144. Petition of Robert Lord and Elkington Kirke, of co. Leicester, to the Council. Petitioners having come up to town about their own occasions, and having heard that the constables of their division were then to be heard before the Lords, they went to the Council Chamber, where they met with the constables, who were called in before the Lords by the name of Leicestershire men. Petitioners asking whether they might go in, some present answered they might, whereupon petitioners went in, for which the Lords committed them to the custody of a messenger. As petitioners did the same out of ignorance, pray discharge. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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145. Petition of John Eyre, Thomas Mansfield, William Wilde, John Burrowes, and Daniel Ragge to the same. Thomas Leake is indebted to petitioner Eyre in 1,200*l.* by statute, and has forfeited Londs of above 3,000*l.*, in which petitioners Mansfield, Wilde, and

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Burrowes are interested, but one Couley having procured a protection, petitioned that Leake might likewise be protected. The Lords, conceiving Leake to be Couley's surety, declared that they wished both Couley and Leake to be protected. Leake has since greatly outraged petitioner Ragge, for which he stands bound for his good behaviour, and now shows himself abroad as a protected man, not answerable to any suits. Forasmuch as petitioners charge not Leake for any engagements concerning Couley, they pray that those to whom he is engaged for his own proper debt, and not as surety, may take their legal course against him. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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146. Petition of the Mayor and Citizens of Chester to the Council. Upon their late reference to the Earl of Derby and Lord Strange of the difference between petitioners and Sir William Brereton, touching a tenant of Sir William's inhabiting in the House of the Nuns within the said city, who refused to watch in these dangerous times of infection, the said Earl, with the assistance of the judges, has certified how he found the same, whereby the cause is prepared for their judgment. The watch commanded is no ordinary watch, from which only Sir William and his tenants are to be freed by the opinion of the judges, but is enjoined by his Majesty's special directions and proclamation for prevention of spreading of infection. In former times of infection, tenants of the said house have been maintained in the city pest-house and at the city charge, and there are now several families in the said house, and most of them very poor and relieved by the charity of the city. Pray that as the tenants of the Nuns' House receive benefit by the watching, and by reason of their number and poverty and pretence of exemption are most likely to endanger the city, they may watch in their turns as their neighbours do. [1 p.]

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147. The Council to the Governors of the Chest at Chatham. Recite commission of inquiry into the state of the Chest, and that the Commissioners have offered to the consideration of the Council the orders annexed, which they approve and have subscribed the same, and require the Governors to see that they are established. [*Signed only by Sec. Windebank, who has left a space above his name as if for the signature of the other Lords.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.] Annexed,

147. 1. *Orders to be added to the former institutions for better government of the Chest at Chatham, being the same mentioned in the calendar of the Report of the Commissioners, Vol. ccclii., No. 78.* [1 p.]

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148. The same to the Overseers of the Chest at Chatham. Similar letter to the preceding, with copy of the orders annexed. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p. and 1 p.]

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149. Sir Robert Sutton to the Council. Received their enclosed letter concerning malting, directed to Sir Francis Wortley and himself presently after Lady Day. Had sent to Sir Francis's houses in Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire, but he was not at home. Not daring longer to protract the service he returns the letter. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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150. Petition of Martin Wighton, of Daintree [Daventry?], to the Council. About three years since Richard Crowther and John Spurdance, pretending to be searchers for the soapmakers of Westminster, broke into petitioner's house and took away 7*l.* or 8*l.* worth of Bristol soap, which by proclamation was then lawful to be sold. He since arrested Crowther and Spurdance at common law, and recovered damages. Thereupon the governor of the soapers sent his warrant to bring up petitioner, who has since come up with a messenger to the governor, who refuses to discharge him but by order of the Board. Prays that since he sold none but lawful soap, and only took a lawful course to relieve himself, the Lords would order his enlargement, with allowance for his trouble and charges. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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151. Petition of George Lascells to the same. On a complaint to the Lords against petitioner, a reference was procured to persons ill affected to him, and a report returned that he was unnatural to his own son and to his son's wife and children, though petitioner, having an unnatural son and an undutiful daughter-in-law, has been kind to them, and sought to win them to Christian duty, which if he could perceive in them, he would do more for them than either the Lords require or expect. Charges some of the referees with thirsting after part of his estate, and refers to papers annexed to show how petitioner had been reputed, and how petitioner's daughter-in-law has carried herself towards the Lords. Prays to be discharged from attendance, and either to be left to make provision for his son as he shall find him and his deserve, or else that the Lords would refer the business to persons indifferently chosen. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.] *Annexed,*

151. I. *Certificate of George Berkeley, Endymion Porter, George Long, and five others, that George Lascells had informed them that he had been much abused by a certificate to the Council, and other informations, that all his lifetime he had carried himself as well besemed a gentleman, and had done much good for his country and service to his Majesty. 27th April 1637. [1 p.]*

151. II. *Affidavit of William Thompson of London, goldsmith, that on the 28th April instant, being in company with the daughter-in-law of George Lascells, of Elston, co. Nottingham, she affirmed that she could not be heard nor have any right at the Council Board because her father-in-law had bribed the clerks of the Council. Sworn 29th April 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

151. III. *Copy letter of George Lascells to Sir Matthew Palmer. Detailing a great variety of scandalous acts of wanton destruction alleged to have been committed by his son and daughter-in-law on the house and premises of the writer. These particulars he offered to verify upon oath before the Justices, yet they would have enforced him to give his son the inheritance. [1 $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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152. Petition of Elizabeth Lascells to Lord Keeper Coventry. Her husband, John Lascells, eldest son of George Lascells, of Elston, co. Nottingham, had as much land entailed upon him by his grandfather as his father had sold for 6,000*l.*, yet the latter had suffered them to endure such misery as is a shame to relate. Upon complaint to the Council it was ordered that there should be a mark a week allowed to them by their father, for which there was an agreement drawn by the justices adjoining, and subscribed by George Lascells. He has for 32 weeks past refused to make payment. The justices have written to the Board, but by reason of the power of George Lascells, both of purse and friends, petitioner has been kept here these 12 weeks, and can have no conclusion of her business. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April.

153. Petition of William Newton, Robert Broome, and Edmund Whiting, weavers of Colchester, in behalf of themselves and other poor weavers to the number of 2,000, to the Council. Petitioners, who work for the baymakers, saymakers, and clothiers of Colchester, are reduced to exceeding misery by the smallness of wages and the troublesomeness of their work. Thomas Reignolds, a baymaker of that town, further to oppress petitioners, had begun a new way of paying petitioners in dead commodities instead of in money. On complaint to the sessions the mayor and justices ordered him to pay petitioners a certain sum of money and to give further satisfaction, but he refused to observe the said order. Petitioners again appealed for justice, but Reignolds never appeared, save by his attorney, who in open court stated the resolution of Reignolds to be, that before he would give one penny to petitioners he would spend 100*l.*, and if they would have any they must come by it by law. Pray relief and protection. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

153. I. *Copy order of the sessions above mentioned. Reignolds was ordered to make restitution to Newton for selling him says for 58s. more than they were worth, and also to give recompence to Broome and Whiting for injuries done to them. 9th January 1636-7. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

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154. Ralph Freeman, Sheriff of co. Hertford, to the same. Answer to a petition of the inhabitants of the greater division of the hundred of Dacorum in the same county, for which see Vol. ccclii., No. 8. Admits the facts stated in the complaint. The second charge of 38*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* was assessed upon the certificate of Sir John Garrard, and he and the inhabitants of the lesser division pray that a day may be given them to make it appear to the Board that the complainants are no otherwise charged than according to other ancient payments. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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155. Petition of James Chaloner, prisoner in the Tower, to the same. Petitioner had been in custody of a messenger for 12 days, and almost three weeks more prisoner in the Tower on the occasion of his brother Thomas Chaloner's escaping from the messenger. His

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escape was without the knowledge of petitioner until the next morning that the messenger acquainted him therewith, when he was so much troubled thereat that before his apprehension he went to seek his brother and sent a messenger to Dover to persuade his return. Prays enlargement. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

[April?] 156. Petition of Edmund Davenport, one of the messengers of the Chamber, to the Council. Petitioner was lately employed by warrant for Charles Cockaine, late sheriff of co. Northampton, which journey was about seven score miles. Petitioner was at extraordinary charge in horse hire, riding night and day, but cannot get his due fees of Mr. Cockaine. Prays order for Mr. Cockaine to pay the amount. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

[April?] 157. Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of King's Lynn to the same. They presented petitions in December and February last, wherein they expressed the great disability of their town, by reason of plague and the loss of 25 ships with their lading, which had undone many inhabitants who had formerly contributed in large measure to the ship-money. Upon the hearing of these petitions it was thought that the 250*l.* assessed upon their town should be paid, but that some relief should be given them *de futuro*, as appears by letter of the Lords of the 17th February last. Having paid the 250*l.*, and been always ready to perform anything commanded for the King's service, they pray for mitigation of the 250*l.* in future. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

157. I. *The Council to the Mayor and Magistrates of King's Lynn. Copy letter above mentioned. Whitehall, 17th February 1636-7. [1 p.]*

[April?] 158. Form of postscript to be added to letters to be written by Nicholas to the several sheriffs of counties, in the cases in which preceding sheriffs had left unpaid arrears of ship-money. The incoming sheriff was to give his predecessor a warrant for collecting such arrears. A list is added of the several sheriffs to whom such postscript was to be sent. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

[April?] 159. Petition of Edward Lincoln to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner about half a year since, in the time of the mortality, being employed as an under-bailiff of Westminster (a place he was altogether incapable of, but for his present necessities was forced to make use of), he arrested William Brissenden at the suit of William Woolf. Brissenden having since obtained a warrant for petitioner's committal, on the ground that Brissenden was his Majesty's servant and a purser at the time of his arrest, although he did not manifest the same. Petitioner expresses contrition and prays discharge. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

[April?] 160. Account by Richard Poole of the saltpetre brought into his Majesty's stores by William Richardson, the younger, since the beginning of his last contract, that is, from 3rd June 1634, up to the

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3rd March 1636-7, during which period he wanted 357 cwts. and 5 lbs. of the quantity assigned to him. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April.

161. List of ships employed between 12th April and 12th October 1636 for guard of the seas, being set forth with the moneys paid by the counties, with the tonnage, number of men, and names of the commanders, with list of ships set forth by the city of London, and of a second fleet of 10 ships ready to put to sea, also of the eight ships continued at sea till the 14th December 1636, and of four ships continued at sea till the 1st April 1637. [$2\frac{1}{4}$ pp.]

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162. Draft of the latter portion of the preceding paper, giving a list of the ships continued at sea until December 1636, and of those continued till 1 April 1637. [1 p.]

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163. Copy of the thirteen articles presented by Algernon Earl of Northumberland to the King, on his return from his first voyage as Admiral in October 1636, pointing out divers defects in the Navy. They were finally adjudicated upon on 16th March 1636-7 (*see Vol. cccl., No. 7*). [1 p.]

[April ?]

164. Notes by Nicholas of additions and alterations to be made in the next letters for ship-money, with a list of seven places not to be assessed as corporations but within the hundreds wherein they lie. Several of these notes had been submitted to the Council, and in the margin there are memoranda of their orders thereon. [2 pp.]

[April ?]

165. Katherine Lady Huncks to Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh. After she had sent her letter was told that he proposed to go with the fleet. He writes that he hopes to come for Ireland shortly. She hopes in that hope. The place she is in has given her nothing but sorrow, grief, and ferment of mind since Christmas was a twelvemonth. Her son Henry had taken two town-land of her cousin Henry Conway. Thinks it will do him no good. Hoped he would have gone to England by that time. [1 p.]

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166. Form of attestation to be subscribed under an order exempting the master and mariners of any particular ship from impressment on account of their being employed to carry stones for repair of St. Paul's. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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167. Particulars, at one time annexed to a petition of a person whose name does not appear, setting forth a variety of grievances which petitioner had suffered from Richard Morris and Thomas Smyth, the latter being a constable. Petitioner had been assaulted and put in the stocks and termed a Bridewell rogue, and all, according to this statement, because he sought possession of a tenement in Brentford which Morris had let to him upon a fine of 7*l.*, which petitioner paid. He had retained an attorney to prosecute Morris and Smyth in the Star Chamber, and had given him 30*s.* for his first fee, but Morris and Smyth bribed the attorney, so that

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petitioner could have no proceedings in that court, whereupon he prayed relief. [1 p.]

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168. Edward Thornhill to the Commissioners for saltpetre and gunpowder. Requests to be continued as deputy for making saltpetre in cos. Hertford, Bedford, Buckingham, and Northampton. Explains why he has come short in the amount to be supplied under his former contract. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

April [?]

169. Notes by Sec. Windebank of subjects under consideration by the Committee of Trade. They related to gold-wire, silkweavers, cards and dice, malt, alehouses, hops [*added*, 18*d.* to be set upon every hundredweight], cattle of Ireland [*the like*, 18*d.* upon every beast], exportation of foreign money, pre-emption of lead [Sir Robert Heath to be heard], madder, city composition, suburbs of London, bricks and tiles, coals. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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170. Samuel Millward and seven others, assessors for the parish of Batcombe, Somerset, for levying 30*l.* ship-money, to the Council. Certificate that the rate imposed upon James Aish, a clothier, is very just, his personal estate not being so little as 15,000*l.* The yearly value of lands in Westcombe exceeds that in Batcombe 400*l.* Batcombe and Westcombe time out of mind have been one parish. [1 p.]

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171. Assessment of ship-money for co. Flint certified by Thomas Mostyn, sheriff. The amounts charged on the several hundreds and parishes with the names of the clergymen are all stated. [4 pp.]

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172. Statement in relation to a controversy as to the proper division among the hundreds of co. Herts of eight quarters of wheat annually abated in the payment towards the provisions for the royal household. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]

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173. Note by Robert Lowe that the Earl of Exeter desired that a warrant should be directed for bringing up Alexander Ekins, John Ekins, and Robert Ekins, and George Gage, all of co. Northampton, for not showing arms at the last musters. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April.

174. Certificate of William Byng, captain of Deal Castle, of the quantity of arms and munition received on the 10th November 1625, since which time he had not received any supply, with particulars of what has been expended, and of what remained. [2 pp.]

April.

Christ Church,
Canterbury.

175. The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury to Archbishop Laud. Have not found in their records any sum of money paid to his predecessors, their visitors, under the title of procurations. Their statutes enjoin that the dean at the expense of the Church should set before the archbishop and 30 persons in his company on his visitation one or two refectations in the church house, and they have had the sight of a precedent by which the prior and convent paid

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for the diet of the archbishop and his servants, and provisions for their horses, 20*l*. They have given entertainment in some measure to the archbishop's visitor, and to supply their defects in that respect have delivered to him 20*l*., which in all humility they pray the archbishop to receive as a weak expression of their thanks for his fatherly goodness towards them. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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176. Extracts made by Archbishop Laud from Burton's Book of Sermons, grouped under several headings, as "Personal," "Royal Subjects," "Declaration for Sports," "Innovations," "Sedition," and at page 3 of the MS., "Probabilities that Mr. Prynne had a hand in Burton's book;" the reasons given under this heading being, "His appealing to the Common Law and the way of pressing it, pp. 6, 7, 8, 13, and 26 The fore part of the book proceeds by syllogisms, as Mr. Prynne uses in his "Histriomastix," p. 9. The *major* stark false, p. 9, *bis*. Pressing the illegalities about the oath *ex officio*, p. 11, &c. The exposition of the Act of Parliament before the Co: Book, p. 66. The statutes pressed about Bastwick's business, pp. 68, 69. The use of our law, &c., p. 93, &c., p. 164." [8 pp.]

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177. List of recusants at Winchester, stated in the endorsement to have been sent for by warrant. It comprises the family of Otho Polewheelee, with the commoners, boarders, and servants in his house; likewise the family of Richard Fidden *alias* Maris, innkeeper at the George in the High Street. [1 p.]

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178. List obtained from Otho Polewheelee, prisoner in the Fleet, of children taught by him, with the names and places of abode of their parents. [1 p.]

April [?]

179. Answer of Nicholas Meredith to an information of Attorney-General Banks. About 15 years past there was a collection made in Bristol and other places for the Prince Elector Palatine of the Rhine and defence of his country, the sum gathered in Bristol being about 160*l*., which being ready to be paid over it was reported that the said prince's countries were past hope of defence, whereupon the contributors in Bristol were contented that the money should be applied towards the redemption of poor captives in Algiers, being mariners of Bristol, in number 40 and odd persons, and that the same should be paid to defendant for the cause aforesaid. According to that agreement defendant received about 160*l*. and retained the same for one month, during which time John Barker, alderman of Bristol, since deceased, had conference with Mr. Leete, a great trader to Algiers and Barbary, who undertook to procure the freedom of those captives of Bristol, whereupon defendant, according to the order of the contributors, paid over the money to John Barker, who paid the same over again to the said Leete, whereupon divers of the captives were released and came home. This sum deponent conceives to be the money mentioned in the bill, and supposed to be detained by him. [*Slightly imperfect at the end.* [13½ pp.]

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180. Copy of information filed in the Star Chamber by Sir John Bankes, Attorney-General, against Dr. John Bastwick, Henry Burton, William Prynne, William Wakelyn, John Ash, William Bankes, Rice Boy, Robert Raworth, — Crouch, George Kendall, Edward Manning, Randall Beoug—, — Sheath, Samuel Richardson, Richard Rogers, William Watson, Thomas Jackson, Edmund Chillington, and William Chaveron, for the publication of various libellous books with intent to move the people to discontent against the King's ecclesiastical government. Bastwick was especially charged, for that by the advice and assistance of Burton, Prynne, and the other persons before named, he had published an infamous libel called *Apologeticus ad Præsules Anglicanos*, extracts from which were annexed to the present information. Burton, Bastwick, and Prynne had also dispersed a book styled "News from Ipswich," "a pernicious, damnable, scurrilous invective and libel," and also a pamphlet styled "A Divine Tragedy," with a libel against the memory of William Noy, the late Attorney-General; and the other defendants, Bankes, Boy, Raworth, Crouch, Kendall, Manning, Chillington, Roger Bracey, Richardson, Rogers, Peter Witherick, Jackson, Watson, and Chaveron had commended and dispersed the same. Also that Bastwick had made and published, and endeavoured to have printed, another libel which he styled a Litany, from which certain extracts were given, and the original was attached to the information; and that Burton had made and printed another libel entitled "An Apology of an Appeal," also annexed to the information. [*Much damaged by damp.* 18 pp.]

April. 181. Modern copy thereof, made when the same was more nearly perfect than it is at present. [14 $\frac{1}{4}$ pp.]

April. 182. Minute of instructions to move the Court of Star Chamber in two causes of the Attorney-General *versus* William Poe, and the same *versus* Andrew Coleman, that these several defendants, being in Ireland, might be sent over in custody to be present at the hearing of these causes. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

April. 183–184. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

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May 1.

1. Petition of the Brewers of Chester to the Council. The King, about two years since, incorporated petitioners and granted them divers privileges, and especially that none should brew beer to sell within the city but such as should be free of their incorporation. Petitioners have not yet enjoyed any benefit of his Majesty's intention, being opposed by the innkeepers and alehouse keepers, who brew all the beer expended in their houses. Petitioners have been suitors for redress, but in regard of his Majesty's purpose of a general

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restraint the Council had made stay of doing anything therein. Pray that they may enjoy his Majesty's favour of suppressing persons who are refractory to his grant, petitioners being willing to give his Majesty an annual rent of 40*l.* or otherwise as the Lords think fit. [1 *p.*]

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2. Petition of John Ray, a distressed prisoner in the Fleet, to the Council. The original of his offence was ignorantly committed (May next will be seven years) in transporting contrary to proclamation a ship of fuller's earth. After his return, hearing of the proclamation, he drew a "remonstration" of the fraudulent transporting of great quantities thereof by others through the instigation of English merchants residing in Holland. About two years after Richard Cocks, being questioned for the like fault, confessed himself guilty and withall "peached" petitioner, whereupon Attorney-General Noy bound both to appear in the Star Chamber, but petitioner, lying dangerously sick, was spared, and Cocks only censured and fined, and released after 10 or 12 weeks' imprisonment. After the death of Attorney-General Noy petitioner was sent for by Attorney-General Bankes, was again committed to the Fleet, and justly sentenced in the Star Chamber. Prays order for release, for that he committed his offence seven years since, and having suffered almost three years' imprisonment, was sick and destitute. *Underwritten, "Nil."* [1 *p.*]

May 1.

3. Petition of John Apsley, executor of Sir Allen Apsley, to the same. Petitioner formerly prayed that as since Sir Allen's death he had endeavoured to pass the accounts between his Majesty and Sir Allen as Victualler of the Navy, a commission might pass the Great Seal to some persons to allow the same. Your Lordships thereupon ordered petitioner in the ordinary way to pass the account in the Exchequer. Petitioner has proceeded so far as he can, there being none that will give allowance of the accounts without order. Prays the appointment of some persons for that purpose. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

May 1.

4. Petition of John Lloyd and Marie his wife to the same. Katherine Coleman, petitioner Marie's grandmother, by her will gave to Marie, then an infant, 30*l.* in money, to be paid at her day of marriage or at 21, and also gave her all her personal estate unbequeathed, amounting to 100*l.* [originally written 300*l.*] and upwards, to be paid by William Hayman, executor to the said Katherine. He dying, left the care of the said Marie to Robert Hayman, his executor, who having made great benefit of the money for 16 years, after the intermarriage of petitioners paid petitioner John 40*l.* in part payment, and combining with William Sedden, a scrivener, took from him, being illiterate, a general release. Petitioners further charge Mary Gillam, aunt to the said Marie, and Ralph Hayes and Rebecca his wife, with embezzling the goods of Marie's grandmother. Pray the Lords to call the parties before them, and give petitioners relief. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

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5. Petition of Robert Gray, Francis West, John Venn, William Robinson, David Woodrooffe, John Rathley, Thomas Sadler, Henry Tooley, George Bryan, and Francis Ashley, with divers other citizens of London, to the Council. Petitioners have for many years furnished the western parts of this kingdom, with Ireland and Wales, with commodities, the usual places of meeting with their chapmen being at the fairs held in Exeter, Bristol, and West Chester. The magistrates, by reason of God's heavy hand laid upon London with the contagion of the pestilence, made an order amongst themselves to deprive petitioners of their former liberty, to the great hindrance of petitioners and intending their own private profit, wherein petitioners had exceedingly suffered but for the order of the Board for admittance of their persons and wares to the places aforesaid. Pray for a further order granting free liberty of trade and meeting upon certificate of the Lord Mayor that they and their families are free from the pestilence. [1 p.] *Endorsed,*

5. 1. *Statement of reasons why the opposition to the above petition should not be regarded.* 1. *The London tradesmen were never before restrained.* 2. *When the opponents have denied the Londoners liberty in their own persons, they have had recourse to London and taken in their own goods brought in the same wagons with those of London.* 3. *Although their pretence was fear of infection, their intent was to serve the Londoners' chapmen and receive their money which they brought to pay the Londoners.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 1.

6. Petition of William Scudamore, late Sheriff of co. Hereford, to the same. Upon the first writ to him directed for levying 4,000*l.* assessed upon that county for ship-money, he rated an equal proportion upon every hundred, and gave in charge to the constables to rate every parishioner, which was done to the general content, the city of Hereford being rated at 210*l.*, and the borough of Leominster at 50*l.* And so he collected and paid 3,564*l.* 10*s.* 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* in his year, 1635. That which is upon Hereford and Leominster he was not to levy. He delivered over his writ, with the names of those who had not paid, to Thomas Wigmore, the succeeding sheriff, who is to give account of the non-performance of the rest of the service, and for his contempt is bound with a surety to Roger Vaughan, the present sheriff, to appear in Chancery upon an attachment in the beginning of this term. Petitioner hears that himself is also put in process. Prays that he may be discharged, and Wigmore be commanded to give an account of what is in arrear. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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7. Petition of John Murray, of London, chandler, to the same. In the heat of this visitation petitioner, being at Huntingdon, lodged at the house of Thomas Walker, who for some misdemeanour done in the market-place was fined 32*l.* and two months' imprisonment. Walker was accordingly imprisoned in the house of Thomas Kilborne, sergeant of Huntingdon, where petitioner going sometimes to see him, and Walker making an escape, Kilborne, to clear himself, accused

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petitioner, and brought him by force before John Abbot, the mayor, who, with the advice of William Kilborne, an attorney and brother of the sergeant, committed petitioner prisoner to the sergeant's house, where no bail would be accepted (a justice of peace offering to be one), and petitioner was kept four days and nights with heavy irons upon him, until petitioner paid 34*l.* 6*s.* for his enlargement. Prays that Abbot and Kilborne may be sent for to answer for this usage of petitioner. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.] *Annexed,*

7. 1. *Affidavit of John Murray, the petitioner above named, in verification of the facts stated in his petition. Sworn 31st March 1636 [sic].* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 1.
Easton.

8. Obadiah Coysh and John Sutton to Sir Capel Bedell, Justice of Peace for co. Huntingdon, at his lodgings in Great Bartholomew Close. Were ear-witnesses, amongst many others, on a general fast-day, being the 23rd of November last past, at Easton, co. Huntingdon, that Giles Randall, clerk, curate or substitute, there publicly preached that amongst many sins which caused the wrath of God to lie heavy upon this nation, the taking of the loan and ship-money were two of them, and further that the taking of the said loan and ship-money is felony, and that without restitution there can be no salvation. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 1.

9. Answer of Thomas Soame, late Sheriff of Middlesex, to the petition of Simon Coston, Thomas Lote, and Nathaniel White. The sum of money questioned is but 17*s.* Mr. Wymonsall, rated at 5*l.*, upon complaint was abated 17*s.*, which was added to the assessments on the petitioners. States the reasonableness of the abatement and the quantities of land held by the petitioners, and not acknowledging the words scandalously objected, the respondent leaves the petitioners to be dealt withal as shall seem meet. The assessment referred to was that of Greenford. [1 p.]

May 1.

10. Certificate of Henry Bailie that in the common market-hall for baize in Leaden Hall there were the following quantities of Essex baize; namely, of "Coxall" [Coggeshall?] baize, 533; of Minikens or blue lists, 126; and of "Baukine hundreds or Fleet hundreds," 91. [*Endorsed by Nicholas, "Never less."* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 1.

11. Account rendered by Richard Poole, and examined by Sir John Heydon, of the saltpetre brought in by saltpetremen from 1st May 1634 to 1st May 1637, showing the deficiency or overplus in each man's case. [1 p.]

May 1.

12. Charges to which Francis Vincent, saltpetreman, had been put by Sir John Rayney's neglect of his Majesty's service. Total, 16*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, assessed by Edward Nicholas at 10*l.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 1.

13. Draft for entry on the Council Register of the appearance of Christopher Copley, of Wadsworth, co. York, for having appealed

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from a sentence given in the Court of Honour in favour of the Earl of Kingston. He was to remain in custody of the messenger. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 1.
Passenham.

14. Sir Robert Banastre [Bannister] to Nicholas. I have sent up 1,000*l.* towards ship-money for co. Northampton, and hope to send up as much more by the end of the term. Mr. Crane writes what much troubles me, that it is believed by his Majesty and most of those that sat at the Board that I forbore to follow the irregular rates of my predecessor, with intent to perplex the service. If his Majesty and the Lords would give me that protection and assistance that my predecessor had, I hope I shall not leave 1,525*l.* uncollected at the end of my year. My instructions were to rate it with equality and indifferency, which I have done sincerely and upon good ground to be maintained, although it trench deeper upon men of the best rank, being best able to bear it, and somewhat ease the poor tillage-man and day-labourer, not fit to be charged. Sir Francis Crane and myself, last year, our hundred being over assessed, became suitors to his Majesty and the Lords to be relieved. Our answer was that we must first pay the money charged and then seek relief. We thereupon paid the money, and the Lords wrote to the Judges of Assize to examine the business, whereby there was no interruption of the service. The high constables of Rothwell complain of being overrated. They after of themselves retract it, and then make new rates, to the good liking of the country. Since, by some underhand protection, they renew their suit again, which being entertained, myself, my warrants and messengers have been neglected to the prejudice of his Majesty's service, all which I desire may be made known to his Majesty and the Lords. [1 p.]

May 1.
Eton College.

15. The Provost and Fellows of Eton College to Archbishop Laud. We have made choice of Thomas Weaver and John Harison, the eldest and latest of this society, to convey the thankfulness of all the rest for your final decree, touching the cause between this and his Majesty's College at Cambridge; also for moving his Majesty touching the future disposal of the vicarage of New Windsor, whereof we have already anticipated the accomplishment. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

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16. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 2,330*l.* paid by Lawrence Delves on behalf of Sir Thomas Delves, sheriff of co. Chester, in part of 3,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 2.
Whitehall.

17. Order of the King in Council. Upon consideration of the great quantity of potashes brought in from foreign parts, and that a great proportion is at present in the hands of undue makers of soap, and of grocers, salters, and others who have bought the same to furnish the undue makers, it was ordered that no merchant or others should sell any part thereof before notice given to the lord mayor, Thomas

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Overman, or such others as they shall appoint, who are to take special care that none be disposed of to undue makers of soap. [Copy. $1\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

May 2. 18. Draft of the same order. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 2. 19. Brief notes or draft of the contents of the same, endorsed as received from Mr. Lightfoot, and being probably the application upon which the order was made. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 2. 20. Petition of the Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty of Dover to the King. In July last fourteen Frenchmen were condemned for piracy and committed to the custody of Maximilian Dancey, keeper of his Majesty's prison in Dover, who in February last suffered them to escape in the night-time, and at the sea-shore they took boat for France. Now Dancey and Reston, his deputy, give out that petitioners and not they are answerable, and shall be questioned in the Star Chamber. Petitioners submit that Dover is no walled town, but has very many ways into and out of it, and that Dancey is an officer by patent under the Great Seal; nor were the prisoners ever under petitioners' charge. Although advised that they neither are nor can be charged with the said prisoners' escape, yet being a poor corporation, and most unwilling to be called to make defence, in all submission petitioners pray that the matter may be referred to some of the Council and Judges. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] Underwritten,

20. I. *Reference to the Lord Keeper, the Earl Marshal, and the two Secretaries of State, who are to call in to their assistance the two Lords Chief Justices and the Attorney-General, and to certify to his Majesty. Whitehall, 2nd May, 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

20. II. *The Lord Keeper and Secs. Coke and Windebank to his Majesty. Report on the above reference. Conceive it requisite that the Attorney-General proceed first against the gaolers and their deputy, and against Morgun, the present searcher, and that the mayor send the names of four or five of the principal watchmen who watched the night of the escape, and that in the meantime the proceedings in the Star Chamber against petitioners be stayed. Whitehall, 9th May 1627. [1 p.]*

May 2. Copy of the preceding petition and the reference thereon. [See Vol. cccxxiii., fol. 69. $2\frac{1}{3}$ pp.]

May 2. 21. Petition of John Powell, one of his Majesty's sergeants-at-arms, to the Council. There is a debt of 100*l.* due to petitioner from John Perryman, town clerk of Bodmin, for obtaining whereof petitioner has for two years taken legal courses, but through Perryman's indirect dealings with the under-sheriffs, petitioner has been remediless. Perryman being attached by virtue of a process issuing out of the Exchequer refused to obey the same, and caused the officers to be most cruelly beaten, for which he stands in contempt of that court. In respect of petitioner's daily attendance before his

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Majesty and the Council, he cannot intend the attaching of Perryman, who is always subterfuging and shifting from place to place; he therefore prays leave to take his legal course against Perryman, that he may be responsible for his contempts to the Court of Exchequer and to petitioner's action, petitioner having forborne since Perryman's attendance at the Board to meddle with him. [1 p.]

May 2.
Aboard the
Swiftsure in the
Downs.

22. Sir John Pennington to [Capt. George Carteret?]. Enclosed are letters to yourself and your admiral, received in a packet from Mr. Smyth. Thereby you shall understand all the Court and city news, "which is as strange to me as to you." I have been here this month, but hear nothing. Few of the fleet have yet come down, or the ships from Portsmouth; only the Henrietta Maria has been here a few days, and the Rainbow is now turning in. I think it will not now be long before they come all, except my lord [Northumberland], who will not be ready this fourteen days. It seems the Prince Elector's fleet proceeds not, for Sir Henry Mervin is removed back into the [St.] George, and comes out Rear-Admiral. Lieutenant-Colonel Brett and some others are fallen off from the service, as being discontented with their ships and places. The Prince of Orange had likely to have surprised Hulst, but was prevented by putting in men a few hours before. "I think we shall see our old trade of fishing, and that will be all we shall do this year." Admiral Van Dorp lies to and again between Dunkirk and this place with twenty sail of stout men-of-war, but meddles with none of our convoys. [2 pp.]

May 2.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Richard Price, Deputy Vice-Admiral of South Wales. Recite complaint made by the Spanish Ambassador, in the name of John le Drue, master of the Waterhound (*see April 29, p. 33*). Being informed that the said ship is now in your custody, the Lords require you to send an inventory of the ship and all her tackle, furniture, and lading. Require you to see the ship kept in safety. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 13. ½ p.*]

May 2.
Whitehall.

The same to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. Lord Philip Herbert, son of the Earl of [Pembroke and] Montgomery, intends to be at Calais on the 10th of this instant May. You are to give order to some captain of the fleet to stand over to Calais Road, there to receive him aboard and transport him to England. [*Ibid., fol. 13 b. ½ p.*]

May 2.

23. Receipt of Edward Hodgson, clerk to Robert Bateman, for 30*l.* given by Bishop Mountague, of Chichester, towards the repair of St. Paul's, being his fourth payment. Underwritten is a memorandum of its entry in a ledger-book remaining in Merchant Taylors' Hall, signed "Robert Marsh." [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 2.

24. Certificate of Henry Chitting, Chester Herald, that Edward Earl of Bath died at Tavistock on Thursday the 2nd March last, and that he lies interred in the church of Tavistock near his father. By his first wife, Dorothy, daughter of Oliver Lord St. John of Bletsoe, he had issue John Lord Fitzwarren, who died an infant, and

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three daughters, Elizabeth, Dorothy, and Anne, all living unmarried. By his second wife Anne, daughter of Sir Robert Lovell, of Liscombe in the parish of Soulbury, co. Bucks, who survived the Earl, he had no issue. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 2. Copy of the preceding. [See Vol. ccclx., p. 29. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 2.
Honington.

25. Sir Edward Hussey to the Council. In that county of Lincoln there are great parcels of the late common fens decreed to the undertakers for draining, and by them now held in severalty, some part lying in parishes known, and other some in parishes not known, only the commoners before the draining paid their tithes to the parishes in which they inhabited. Desires directions, first, whether these drained grounds shall be assessed jointly with the parish wherein they lie, and both of them to bear but the same charge towards the raising of the ship-money which the parish should have done if the same had not been drained; or that the charge of the parish shall be so much increased as may be fairly raised out of these new grounds; or that the grounds so drained shall be assessed apart, and the parish notwithstanding to bear their proportion. Secondly, whether the grounds not lying in any parish as yet known shall be assessed towards the raising of the general charge of the whole county, or whether the assessment shall be applied to the easing of such towns as formerly had common therein. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

May 2.

26. Certificate of Sir Henry Skipwith that Robert Lord and Elkington Kirke are men of good ability for estate, but have greatly disturbed the service of shipping in Leicestershire, by persuading some of the constables of Guthlaxton hundred rather to answer before the Board than to obey the sheriff's warrants. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 2.

27. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 400*l.* paid by Edward Wagstaff, one of the sheriffs of the city of Gloucester, in part of 5,500*l.* ship-money charged upon co. Gloucester, the said 400*l.* having been collected within the said city under writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 2.

28. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

May 3.
Westminster.

29. Warrant to pay to Thomas Baldwin, comptroller of the works, several sums amounting to 397*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* towards the repair of the paling, gates, drains, and bridges of Oatlands Park. [*Strip of parchment.* 16 lines.]

May 3.
Westminster.

30. The like to John Taylor, English agent at Vienna, 1,000*l.* part already disbursed in his transportation out of England. [*The like.* 11 lines.]

May 3.

31. Francis Fulford and five others, creditors of Henry Drake, to the King. Henry Drake, to whom your Majesty granted a protection for one year, has made so good use thereof that much money has been paid and a great quantity of land sold, and more

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is in agitation to be sold by those gentlemen for whom he stands engaged. We are persuaded that all the creditors will receive satisfaction if the King grants his protection for one year longer. [1 p.]

May 3.

32. Draft minute for entry on Council Register of a pass for Nicholas Mynne, captain of a company in the regiment of Sir David Drummond, William Mynne, his brother, Griffith Hall, Lawrence Haddock, quartermaster of the same regiment, and William Kingsley, to go to the Low Countries to their several charges under the Queen of Sweden. [1 p.]

May 3.
Westminster.

33. Sir William Slingsby to the Council. This day the doors of Stephen Smith, fishmonger, were, by the sufferance of the warder, broken open, and William Fenn, late servant to Smith, who already had been indicted for offences committed during the several infections of that house, entered thereinto and brought to the door for sale a quantity of salted fish without the privity of the officers, notwithstanding Susan Wheelyer, a maid-servant of Smith's, was then shut up and left infected with the plague at the time of Smith's unlawful abandoning his house. Fenn is now apprehended and shut up with the late infected servant under better guard. I have committed the warder, and commanded the fish to be carried in again and the doors to be locked and guarded till you shall give further directions. These proceedings I suspect to be done by the private directions of Smith. [1 p.]

May 3.

34. Order of Council made upon the above letter. That Stephen Smith be committed to Newgate, and there be kept safe under strong bolts till further order, and that William Fenn be sent to the pesthouse and a weight of iron be put on his heels to keep him safe and quiet there. Further, that the warders, for their great neglect, be put in the stocks placed in the street before the door of Smith's house. [Draft. 1 p.]

May 3.

35. Draft minute of warrant to the Keeper of Newgate issued in pursuance of the preceding order. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

May 3.

The Council to the Warden of the Fleet. To take into his custody Sir Philiberto Vernatti. [Draft minute on the same paper as the preceding, but cancelled. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

May 3.

36. Order of Council. Recites that the difference between the town of Colchester and William King having been heard at the Board the last of March last, the same had been referred to the examination of Sir Dudley Carleton and Edward Nicholas, clerks of the Council. It being now the time of Mr. Nicholas's waiting the Lords substituted Sir William Becher as a referee in his stead. [Draft. 1 p.]

May 3.

37. The like on petition of Robert Hawkins and Robert Wells, yeomen of the chamber and collectors of ship-money in Great Bedwin, Wilts. The petitioners complained that Thomas Dunford refused to pay his assessment towards the ship-money, and abused

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them with uncivil language, saying also that his Majesty owed him money and he would be paid the same first. It was ordered that Dunford should pay the money assessed upon him and then be discharged, but that the Judges of Assize should call Dunford before them, and, if they find cause, should give orders for his punishment. [*Draft.* 2 pp.]

May 3.
Inner Star
Chamber.

38. Order of Council on the petition of Thomas Horth, of Yarmouth, merchant. After reciting the said petition, which is already calendar under date of 28th April last, No. 102, the Lords ordered that Newman and Measer should take the locks from off the warehouse of the petitioner, and that he should be permitted to deliver his oils, brought into the port of London in the Relief, of Ipswich, agreeable to his contract with the Corporation of Soapmakers of Westminster. [*Draft.* 1½ p.]

May 3.
Inner Star
Chamber.

39. The like Order. Recites petition of Thomas Powell, one of the churchwardens of the parish of Wolston and Marston, co. Warwick, and of William Radborne, one of the overseers of the poor of that parish, which stated that by a fire in Wolston the cottages of Joan Chad and Anne Ashley, two poor widows, were burnt down, and that afterwards, on their petition, an order was made by the Judges of Assize that the churchwardens and overseers should erect two other cottages for the said two poor widows, which they had well-nigh finished but were opposed by George Warner, lord of the manor, who commenced suits and arrested the workmen (*see Vol. cccli., No. 74*). It was ordered that the cottages be forthwith set up, and that all suits be withdrawn, and if Warner has committed any misdemeanours the judges at the next assizes may call him before them to answer the same. [*Settled draft.* 1½ p.]

May 3.

40. Rough draft of the preceding. [2½ pp.]

May 3.

41. Draft minute for entry on the Council Register of the appearance of John Hildesley, mayor of Christchurch Twineham, Hants, to answer the petition of Lord Arundel of Wardour. [7 lines.]

May 3.
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Chamber.

42. Order of Council made upon consideration of the petition of Thomas Lord Arundel of Wardour, lord of the manor, hundred, and borough of Christchurch, Hants, complaining of the election of John Hildesley to be mayor of Christchurch, the borough not being incorporated by charter. The Lords referred the disquisition of the matter to the Lord Chief Justices of the King's Bench and Common Pleas, and to Baron Denham, who are to examine whether the borough has had anciently and usually a mayor or a portreeve, what is the oath taken by the mayor or portreeve, whether any that is not a burgess may be mayor or portreeve, and whether Hildesley has been duly elected, and to certify the Board. [*Draft.* 2 pp.]

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Chamber.

43. The like. Recites petition of Richard Wisdom, prisoner in the counter in Wood Street, showing that petitioner having been a man of estate and an inhabitant of Reading, Thomas Hull, of God-

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liman [Godalming], had not only withdrawn petitioner's wife's affection from him, but had undone him in his estate, and to prevent him from taking a course against the said Hull he had caused petitioner to be imprisoned upon a feigned action. The Lords ordered that Hull shall forthwith release Wisdom upon his bond to answer the action of Hull, and that the petition of Wisdom shall be sent into the court of the High Commission, where Hull shall be proceeded against *ex officio*. Wisdom is to furnish testimony in support of his petition, and Hull is to remain in a messenger's custody till he has released Wisdom and given bond to appear in the High Commission. [Draft. 1 p.]

May 3. 44. Petition of Henry Darell and the inhabitants of the parish of St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, and other parts adjoining, to the Council. Similar petition to that in Vol. cccxlvi., No. 70, calendared under the date of February last. It recited a grant of the late King of certain markets and fairs to Trinity College, Oxford, two of the former and three of the latter having been purchased by the petitioners. Under a writ of *ad quod damnum* a jury had found that such markets and fairs would be very convenient. Petitioners prayed that the work might go forward. [Copy certified by Robert Michel, deputy common clerk of the city of London. 1½ p.]

May 3. 45. Order of Council on the above petition. It was ordered that the Lord Mayor and aldermen of London should have a copy of the same and make answer thereunto upon Wednesday the 10th inst. [Copy. ¾ p.]

May 3. 46. Draft of the preceding order. [¾ p.]

May 3. 47. Order of Council upon the petition of Robert Gray, Francis West, John Venn, and others, citizens and wholesale tradesmen of London. Recites the petition as already calendared in this present Volume, No. 5. Petitioners prayed that they might have liberty of trade at the fairs in Exeter at Whitsuntide and St. Nicholas tide, in Bristol at St. James's tide and Paul's tide, and at Westchester [Chester] at Midsummer and Michaelmas, notwithstanding an order of the magistrates of the said cities, by reason of the infection in London, depriving petitioners of their former liberty in coming into the said cities with their wares. The Council ordered that such of the petitioners as should bring a certificate from the Lord Mayor that neither they, their houses, nor families have been for 6 or 8 months infected of the plague, should be permitted to come to Exeter and to trade there freely during the fair held there in the present month and the beginning of June. Nevertheless the Lord Mayor is to take special care that he give no such certificate to any person, but only to such in whose house he is well assured there is no infection, nor in any house near adjoining, and who have not received any goods from any persons visited. [Draft. 2¾ pp.]

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[May 3.] 48. Statement of the grievances of Dr. Bury, Rector of Bradwell [juxta Mare] in Essex. He complained of certain proceedings of the Court of Common Pleas in a matter of two prohibitions at once granted thereout against him, suing for tithe of hay. He also made various exceptions against the suggestions of his parishioners, William Gaywood and William Byatt, who pretended that they were discharged from tithe hay, milk, and herbage of dry cattle, by the payment of winter cheese; this mere pretence being the only ground of their prohibition. [See Vol. cccxlvii., No. 5. 1 p.]
- May 3.
Inner Star
Chamber. 49. Order of Council upon a petition of Dr. Bury, Rector of Bradwell-juxta-Mare in Essex, setting forth his complaint above mentioned. The Lords having spoken with the Lord Chief Justice and the rest of the judges of that court, declared that the said judges had done in that business nothing but what was just, and that Dr. Bury had no cause of complaint at all. They ordered that for his boldness in presuming to asperse a court of justice he should stand committed, and prayed the Lord Chief Justice and the rest of the judges to direct that the *modus decimandi* might have a fair trial, and rather at the bar than in the country. [Draft. 1 p.]
- May 3.
Inner Star
Chamber. 50. The Council to the Warden of the Fleet. To take into his custody Giles Berrey [Bury], D.D., rector of Bradwell, Essex, committed for the cause mentioned above. [Draft. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]
- May 3. 51. Petition of Giles Bury, D.D., to the Council. Since his commitment to the Fleet he has submitted himself to the Lord Chief Justice and the rest of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas, who are so well satisfied therewith as to become humble suitors with petitioner for his discharge. Prays order accordingly. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*
51. 1. *Lord Chief Justice Finch, Sir Richard Hutton, Sir George Vernon, and Sir Francis Crawley, Judges of the Common Pleas, to the same. Dr. Bury has in so humble a manner represented his sense of the injury and offence done to us, as we cannot but be very well satisfied therewith and become humble suitors for his discharge. 3rd May 1637. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*
- May 3. 52. Order of Council upon petition of Sir Edmond Sawyer against Sir Francis Knowles the elder, Sir Thomas Vachell, and Isaac Cray. It was ordered that Sir Francis Knowles and Sir Thomas Vachell should have a copy of the petition, and that they be required to send up their answer by Friday the 12th instant, and Cray is required to attend in person at the same time. [Draft. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- May 3.
Richmond. 53. Dr. Brian Duppa to [Sir John Lambe?] If my attendance here would have given me leave I should have waited on you in behalf of our church. But your singular care of the church in general, and your exemplary zeal against the molesters

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of it, assures me we shall not fail of justice, though I cannot come to beg it of you in person. There is a cause depending in the High Commission against one Ackson [Exon], as cunning and as dangerous a Puritan as any in the pack. His suit is that you would so order it that the depositions against him may be fully read, for otherwise he will find many ways to blind the eyes of his judges. I beseech you to consider the man as he is, and out of your wonted aversion from men of his sect, let him find no more favour than he deserves. I shall not only acknowledge your justice in it, but esteem it a favour, if you please, something the more for my sake, to look narrowly into him. [1 p.]

May 3.

54. Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells, to the Council. Report upon reference made to him on the 31st January 1636-7 respecting the conduct of William Stroud, of Barrington, co. Somerset, in reference to the business of shipping. Upon examination I find three things to be cleared; one concerning the assessment upon the titling of Barrington, where Mr. Stroud dwells, whether it were an over-rate or no; another concerning how Mr. Stroud carried himself; the last concerning certain impediments conceived by Mr. Stroud to hinder the service of his Majesty. On the first of these points the bishop conceives the constable and raters did well in assessing Barrington 4*l.* 10*s.* more than Shepton Beauchamp. On the second point he reports various facts in which Stroud's own account of his conduct is contradicted, and he complains that Stroud took the boldness to tell him in the hearing of all the company that he did not examine the sheriff as he should do, and that he did not look upon this business with an indifferent eye. Stroud had been returned as a refuser in four or five places. On the third point the bishop alleges some inaccuracies in two of Stroud's allegations, and in one a personal motive; in one point he agrees with Stroud. [4½ pp.]

May 3.
St. Martin's
Lane, London.

55. Sir Thomas Roe to the Commissioners for Saltpetre. Dr. Wren, Dean of Windsor and Registrar of the Order of the Garter, petitioned his Majesty in Chapter, held at Whitehall on the 18th of April last, for the Feast of St. George, against Thomas Thornhill, saltpetremen, for an injury done by his servants in digging down his pigeon-house upon the rectory of Knoyle Magna, Wilts. Whereas the officers of the Order are immediately under the protection of the Sovereign, his Majesty declared his will that the Commissioners for Saltpetre should call Thomas Thornhill before them and cause him to give due recompense to the dean. [1 p.]

May 3.

56. Petition of Peter Wappall, master of the Mary and Anne, of London, to the Lords of the Admiralty. The said ship is freighted by the French Company with cloth and other commodities for Rouen, which commodities have been aboard these 10 days, but she, for want of men who are daily pressed from her, cannot proceed on her intended voyage. Prays order that nine men whose names

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are underwritten may be permitted to go on the said voyage. [1 p.]
Annexed,

56. I. *Certificate by Sir John Wolstenholme and another, officers of customs, in verification of the above statement. Custom House, 2nd May 1637. [¼ p.]*

May 3. 57. Certificate of Peter Heywood, Justice of Peace for Middlesex, that John Middleton, of Horsham, had taken the oath of allegiance before him. [¼ p.]

May 3. 58. Bill of — Mann, woman's tailor, for various articles in the way of his trade supplied to Mrs. Porter up to this date. Total, 18*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.* [2 pp.]

May 3. 59. Officers of Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. Have called
 Mincing Lane. to us some Trinity masters and master shipwrights of the Thames to join with his Majesty's own masters about the defects in the Constant Reformation, and Happy Entrance, in bearing their ordnance too low, who have certified how to render them very serviceable ships, with an estimate of the charge. Have likewise caused the ships lately returned from sea to be surveyed, there being divers defects in them fit to be repaired, especially in the Garland that suffered much harm by an extraordinary storm in January last. Have also added the charge already sustained at Chatham in girdling the St. George and fitting the Swiftsure, Greyhound, Roebuck, Fortune pink, Swan, and Nicodemus frigates, not contained in any former estimates; total 5,295*l.* Offer to consideration the season of the year for repair of the four ships and two pinnaces in dry dock at Chatham. The Red Lion may be brought into dry dock at Deptford out of hand. The repairing of the graving dock at Chatham is most necessary, and is estimated at 800*l.* [2 pp.]

May 3. 60. Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Earl of Newport, Master
 Whitehall. of the Ordnance. To issue 28 barrels of gunpowder at 18*d.* per pound to the Mayflower, William Beddiloe, master, and 36 barrels to the Pleiades, James Hall, master, employed in his Majesty's service. [*Copy.* ⅔ p.]

May 3. Draft minute of the same for entry in the book of such warrants.
 Whitehall. [*Written on the same paper as the preceding.* ¼ p.]

May 3. 61. Entry of the same. [⅓ p.]

May 3. Draft minute of similar warrant for 36 barrels of gunpowder to be supplied to the Richard and Mary, Nicholas Hilson, master. [*See above, No. 60.* ¼ p.]

May 3. Entry of the same. [*Ibid., No. 61, p. 1. 5 lines.*]

May 3. Commissioners and Judges of Appeal for review of sentences
 Whitehall. given in the Court of Admiralty, to George Feilding, registrar of the Court of Delegates, or his deputy. To receive the appeal of

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Gaspar Burt against Humphrey Hooke and Thomas Hooke, and thereupon to issue an inhibition to the Judge of the Admiralty for stay of proceedings in the said cause, and a decree for transmission of the whole proceedings before the first court day of Trinity Term next. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 9. ½ p.*]

May 3.

62. Archbishop Laud to Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia. Upon the 6th of April I received two letters, the one by Colonel Fleetwood, concerning his employment and the state of that great business, concerning which I can yet say little till we hear again out of France; for the other letter I give most humble thanks that you are pleased to write so nobly about the mistake concerning the King's allowance of 12,000*l.* a year. Certainly, madam, though I am as much subject to error as any man, yet, in that particular, I am most sure I did not mistake my commission. Concerning giving the title of emperor to the late King of Hungary, his Majesty has not yet done it, nor I believe will he do it in haste to the prejudice of your son, the prince, yet this will be found considerable if (I say *if*) France and the Low Countries give it him, whether the King's denying it alone will be fit for his Majesty or behoveful for the Prince Elector. As for his Highness being vicar in the vacancy, his Majesty acknowledged you had written to him about it, and that he would give you his own answer. Concerning the fishing, I wrote clearly my own thoughts, and but my own, that the King would have other employment for his navy this summer than to think of it, and therefore I thank you for not making me the author of it. While I write freely and give my reason for what I write, I would not have my name in question. Mr. Dinglye [Dinley] has said no more than your Majesty wrote. Since you desire it, I shall write with my wonted freedom, and assure myself of your constant favour. [*1½ p.*]

May 3.

63. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

May 4.

Westminster.

64. Warrant for payment of 1,817*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* to the Earl of Dorset, Chamberlain to the Queen, to be by him disbursed for payment for wares delivered and work done for the use of the Prince and the Duke of York for one year, as by particulars subscribed by the Countess of Dorset, governess to the King's sons, appears. [*Parch-ment. 1 p.*]

May 4.

Whitehall.

65. Edward Earl of Dorset to ——. His Majesty's pleasure is that you should this afternoon let the Council know that, for some reason best known to himself, he will not now have the cause between Sir Miles Fleetwood and Mr. Tyrell, a lawyer, formerly remitted to the Board, receive any discussion there, but will transmit it to the examination of the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington to report to himself. [*2 pp.*]

May 4.

66. Petition of Sir Robert Willoughby to the Queen. Petitioner's wife being sworn your servant, is since given to the company of John Garnier, who have continually lived together above two years, and yet will not permit petitioner nor his tenants to live quietly in

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the country. The justices of peace dare not take any course against them, because they are your servants. Prays her "to give the legal course of his Majesty's laws" to right his wrongs. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

66. I. *Minute by the Earl of Dorset, Lord Chamberlain to the Queen, of her Majesty's order upon perusal of this petition, and belief that the suggestions may be true in respect of the absence of Garnier, her servant in ordinary, so long from his attendance, his often failing of promises no more to keep company with Lady Willoughby, and yet his now being with her. The Queen is not only pleased, but requires that all lawful courses be taken to right the petitioner, and punish this notorious and scandalous kind of life; unto which all justices of peace and other officers are to be aiding, and to take good bonds from Garnier never more to frequent the company of the said Lady Willoughby, to her disgrace, his ruin, and the ignominy of all good government. St. James's, 4th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

May 4.

67. Petition of divers baymakers of Coggeshall, Bocking, and Braintree to the Council. By reason of the decay of trading, many of them who were work-masters are become workmen. Out of compassion to the multitude of poor in the said towns, and at the request of the justices of peace, petitioners have been encouraged to engage their credits far beyond their stocks in borrowing money upon interest to keep the poor at work. His Majesty's protections granted to John de la Barre and Robert Oxwick, with moneys owing by Charles Attye, detain from them of the said towns above 5,000*l.*, as was manifested to Mr. [Sir?] Henry Nevill on the 1st May instant, so that they have been constrained of late to sell off their bays at great loss. Pray that the above-named merchants may be enjoined, in this great strait, to pay petitioners in the first place, and not to suffer them to disengage their near friends out of bonds, and the remnant of their estates, left in uncertain debts, to be cast upon petitioners. [1 p.]

May 4.
Cressing Temple.

68. Sir Henry Nevill to the Council. In accordance with the order of the Board, returns a certificate of the number of bays remaining in the clothiers' hands in the county of Essex, as likewise what debts are owing to them by merchants that have protections. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.] *Enclosed,*

68. I. *Names of the clothiers of Braintree, Bocking, and Coggeshall, with the sums of money owing to them by John de la Barre and Robert Oxwick. By the former, 1,295*l.* 16*s.*; by the latter, 2,244*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* [1 p.]*

May 4.

69. Lloyd Pierce, Sheriff of co. Montgomery, to Nicholas. I have sent enclosed a particular of the ship-money imposed upon this county, according to the ordinary division thereof, though being made near

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thirty [?] years ago, it is no equal way to follow, many parishes being decayed and others improved. For the rates of the clergy, I suppose you shall hear of no complaints, since those few that pay are favourably dealt withal, and many excused for their doctrine and pains in their particular parishes. This county pays with all alacrity to their abilities, but being of itself generally poor, and depending much upon the sale of cattle, are not so ready paymasters as other counties, nor can they before their markets come on. I have levied the most part of the sum imposed upon the county, being 833*l.* 6*s.*, and returned the same to Sir William Russell by our Shrewsbury drapers. The residue, being somewhat under 100*l.*, remains with the constables and collectors to be accounted for, who say that much thereof is imposed on occupants of lands dwelling in other counties, or on tenants removed, and which cannot be recovered until they find distress on the lands. [*Seal with arms. 2 pp.*] *Enclosed,*

69. 1. *Brief of assessment for ship-money upon every hundred within co. Montgomery, and upon every clergyman.*
[2 pp.]

May 4.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Earl of Newport. We have appointed Anthony Young master-gunner in the *St. George* during her now intended employment at sea, in place of William Bishop. Pray your Lordship to order an exact survey to be taken of her ordnance stores, and to cause the same to be delivered in charge by indenture to Anthony Young. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 13 b. ½ p.*]

May 4.

70. Petition of William Furbusher [Frobisher] to the "Commissioners for the Navy." Petitioner was pressed on 19th of April last, being a cooper, to serve in the Royal Defence, and was subsequently arrested on the 27th of the same month, and ever since has lain in prison in the King's Bench. Prays order for his release. [*From an underwritten memorandum it appears that petitioner was first arrested for debt by Thomas Ryley, and that he was subsequently detained by his bail, that they might not forfeit their bonds by his absence at sea. 1 p.*]

May 4.

71. List of twenty-one persons constituting, as appears by Sec. Windebank's endorsement, the Council of War at St. James's. [*2/3 p.*]

May 4.

72. Account received this day, according to Nicholas's endorsement, of the produce of two French sloops sold in June 1636 by John Jacob, Sergeant of the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports. Total, 91*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*, from which was to be deducted various charges about the said sloops amounting to 45*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*, so that there remained 46*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* [1 p.] *Annexed,*

72. 1. *Inventory and appraisement of the said two sloops, taken by Thomas Teddeman and Thomas Cullen, Commissioners, on the 1st of September 1636 [sic]. Total, 91*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.**
[1 p.]

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May 4.

73. Abstract of the Saltpetremen's Requests, addressed to the Lords of the Admiralty, as commissioners for the business of saltpetre, with notes of the answers of the Lords in the handwriting of Nicholas. They solicited a reduction of the payment for carriages, which was denied, and various alterations in practice and stringent directions for the punishment of those who opposed them, to which the Commissioners replied generally that upon every complaint they should have a remedy. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 4.

74. Draft of the abstract of the Saltpetremen's Requests above calendared, with a variety of alterations made in it before it assumed the shape in which it finally was presented to the Commissioners. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 4.

75. Propositions touching a renewed appointment for making saltpetre, by Alexander Harris. Harris solicited a grant for London with a surrounding circuit of twelve miles and the county of Hants, undertaking to deliver weekly 6 cwt., and leaving eight other shires which he had formerly held to be disposed of. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 4.

76. Examination of Philip Eden, of London, upon interrogatories exhibited on the part of Sir Edward Mosley, Attorney-General of the Duchy of Lancaster, by relation of Sir John Heydon, complainant, against Thomas Doods and others, defendants, being a suit respecting the right to take wreck at Siderstone [Sidestrand], Norfolk. The interrogatories are annexed. [$8\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 4.

Lambeth.

77. William Dell, secretary to Archbishop Laud, to Sir John Lambe, Dean of the Arches. My Lord has commanded me to send you a piece of poetry. One Freshfield in the court is thought to be the author of it. Pray let him be well examined about it. Dr. Aylett can inform you more. The business about my countryman, Mr. Burford, is returned; I beseech you to see that the poor man Wilcox be no further worried by him in that court. My Lord thinks it long ere he see you. [1 p.]

May 5.

Westminster.

78. The King to Lord Keeper Coventry. Warrant to cause to be made forth Letters Patent to Edward Broomfield, Lord Mayor, and William Abell and James Jarrett, sheriffs of London, and the lord mayor and sheriffs for the time being, and also to Sir Henry Mildmay, Sir Henry Spiller, Sir Thomas Fowler, Sir George Whitmore, Sir John Franklin, Sir William Roberts, Edward Johnson, Nathaniel Bacon, George Long, William Carter, Robert Downes, Miles Hull, John Cordell, William Stokes, Francis Jackson, Robert Browne, John Marston, Ralph Hartwell, Henry Johnson, William Jackson, John Dickinson, James Heydon, and Benjamin Austen, appointing them commissioners for putting in execution a statute of 33rd Henry VIII., whereby it was enacted that all men under 60 years of age should exercise shooting in long bows, and have continually bows and arrows in their houses, and that men-children between 7 and 17 years should be taught and brought up in the knowledge of the same, and that all unlawful games should be

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suppressed. [*Seal removed. Memorandum that the warrant was delivered to the Lord Keeper on the 7th June 1637. Parchment; 1 skin.*]

May 5. 79. Petition of Sir Robert Poyntz to the Council. In Easter term 1636 a cause was heard in Chancery, wherein Sir John Lawrence and his wife were plaintiffs, and petitioner and his wife defendants (petitioner's wife and Lady Lawrence being sisters and coheirs), and upon the hearing some part of the cause was referred to Mr. Justice Hutton. On 1st July following, Mr. Justice Hutton, being mistaken or abused, made his report, as by consent of the parties, and thereby appointed petitioner to pay to Sir John Lawrence two sums of money of which Sir John has heretofore received payment. Sir Robert sets forth the various inconveniences and injuries likely to result to him from Mr. Justice Hutton's report, and prays the Lords to call Mr. Justice Hutton to declare whether petitioner or his wife gave any assent to the same. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 5. Inner Star Chamber. 80. Order of Council upon a petition of the Mayor and Burgesses of Bristol, showing that in Trinity term 1635 certain alehouses recently erected at Crewkerne Pill, co. Somerset, were by decree of the Exchequer declared to be prejudicial to his Majesty's customs, and a manifest hurt and damage to the city and port of Bristol, and were ordered to be demolished, which decree, although it had been served upon Richard Morgan, owner of the said houses, had not been obeyed, whereupon a writ was directed to the sheriff to demolish them, yet nothing had been therein done. Reciting also a petition from the justices of peace in December last on behalf of the inhabitants of the said houses. The Lords, conceiving that the occupants of the said cottages have had sufficient time to accommodate themselves, do not think fit any longer to stay the execution of the said decree, but leave the petitioners to proceed according to such writ as the Court of Exchequer shall award. [*Intended original order, but altered and converted into a draft.* $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 5. Inner Star Chamber. 81. Similar order concerning the difference between the Canons Residentiaries and the Prebends of the Cathedral of Exeter, formerly referred to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Keeper, and by them appointed to have been heard this day. Recites a petition alleging that there is a treaty of peace in agitation between them, and that the ways being dangerous, in regard of the sickness, they desired a further day in Michaelmas term. Friday, the 26th October, was appointed accordingly. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 5. Petition of John Carse, D.D., to the King. Petitioner is possessed of the rectory of Brixton Deverill, Wilts. Prays dispensation to hold therewith the rectory of Hampstead Marshall, Berks, being about 34 miles distant. [*See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 71. Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.] Underwritten,

1. Minute that the King grants petitioner his desire, and the Clerk of the Signet is to prepare a bill accordingly. Whitehall, 5th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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May 5.

Petition of the Fraternity of Glaziers of London to the King. Divers persons using the trade of glaziers and painters of glass in London use many deceits in the draught of their lead beyond the proportioned length for the weight thereof, in keeping rules of a prohibited length, in working false and deceitful materials, and in handling the same falsely. Pray for an incorporation of the present freemen of that trade within London and five miles compass. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 94. =2 pp.*] Underwritten,

I. *Reference to the Attorney-General to certify his opinion. St. James's, 5th May 1637. [6 lines.]*

II. *Report of Attorney-General Bankes. I do not discern any inconvenience if your Majesty please to incorporate the petitioners. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

III. *Further reference to the Attorney-General to prepare grant of incorporation. Whitehall, 5th June 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

May 5.

Petition of Thomas Coles, his Majesty's servant, to the Council. Petitioner being possessed of a lease for 400 years of a house and land lying at Beestor [Beeston?], co. York, under the yearly rent of 10s., about the end of Queen Elizabeth's reign, by deed made to twelve feoffees, freely gave the same after his death to Beeston Chapel in the parish of Leeds for maintenance of a minister for reading divine service according to the Church of England, since which time one Mr. Wood has passed the whole lordship in fee farm, and found an office for petitioner's lands, and gives forth speeches that after petitioner's death he will pay no rent. Prays order for granting letters of mortmain or to settle the due performance thereof by some other way. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 85. 1 p.*] Underwritten,

I. *Minute of the desire of the Lords that one of the Secretaries of State should move his Majesty hereupon in the name of the Board. Inner Star Chamber, 5th May 1637. [4 lines.]*

II. *Reference from his Majesty to the Attorney-General to prepare a bill of mortmain and to do any other thing conducing to the settling the land to the Church. Whitehall, 14th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

May 5.

82. Order of Council that the Lord Mayor return a survey of all houses in the city of London and within three miles of the same which have been built within seven years last past, according to a letter of the 8th March last, or that upon Sunday next some of the aldermen of the city attend the Board and give account what they have done therein. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

May 5.
Inner Star
Chamber.

83. Similar order made upon hearing the complaint of the Soap-makers of Westminster against Martin Wighton, convented before the Lords for having sold unlawful soap, and for resisting the officers of the corporation when they came to search his house, and for suing the said officers. Their Lordships ordered that an annexed

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paper containing the corporation's complaints be sent to the Solicitor-General, who is to take order that Wighton withdraw his actions brought against the said officers, and make them satisfaction for their losses and trouble, or else to certify the Board. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 5.
Whitehall.

84. The Council to a person unnamed. Warrant to repair to the houses of any merchants, or others where you shall understand any potashes or lees are remaining to be sold to undue soapmakers, and having seized the same to acquaint the Lord Mayor of London or Thomas Overman therewith, who are to take off the same at prices reasonable; and if any person shall oppose you in the execution of this warrant, the next justice of peace is to bind over such person to attend the Board. [*Copy.* 1 p.]

May 5.

85. Draft of the preceding, with a memorandum that warrants of the same tenor were directed to John Hayes, of London, John Hardwick, of London, and another to Nicholas Towers, of York, or Thomas Woodstock, of London. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 5.

86. Order of Council. Upon a petition of Thomas Holt and John Holt, sons and executors of Henry Holt, deceased, late deputy victualler of the navy at Portsmouth, showing that a great debt of 5,300*l.* and upwards had been disbursed by their father for his Majesty's service and was due by Mr. Alcock and Mr. Lewis, accountants to Sir Allen Apsley, their lordships, having called before them the auditor of the imprest and the executors of Sir Allen Apsley, ordered that his Majesty be moved for renewing a protection to Thomas Holt and John Holt for one year longer. [*Draft.* 1½ p.]

May 5.

87. The like. The auditors of the imprest, the executor of Sir Allen Apsley, and Stephen Alcock, agent for Sir Allen, employed for victualling the navy from 1625 until the death of Sir Allen, being called before the Lords to explain why the accounts of Sir Allen are not perfected, and their Lordships being informed that the same are not delivered in upon oath according to the course of the Exchequer, and that the books of account for 1626 and 1627, when the navy was managed by commission which required that all books of account should be vouched under the hands of four of the commissioners, are signed only by three commissioners, by reason whereof the auditors could not give allowance of what is demanded upon the same. It was ordered that the executor of Sir Allen shall, for so much as concerns his part, perfect the accounts according to the course of the Exchequer, and that the auditors prepare the accounts for so much as they shall have vouchers, and disallow the rest, such accounts to be ready by the end of this term to be presented to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer to be allowed by them according to the ordinary course. [*Draft by Nicholas.* 1½ p.]

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88. Minute of Order of Council for discharge of Robert Lord and Elkington Kirke, of co. Leicester, committed to the custody of a messenger for their sauciness in pressing into the Council Chamber in the time of their Lordships' sitting. [*Draft. 5 lines.*]

May 5.

89. Minute of the discharge of John Hildesley, Mayor of Christchurch, Hants, from further attendance upon the Board. [*3 lines.*]

May 5.

90. The Council to the Warden of the Fleet. To take into his custody the person of Sir Robert Pointz, and to keep him prisoner till further order. [*Minute. 1 p.*]

May 5.

91. The same to the same. To set at liberty Giles Bury, D.D. [*Minute. ½ p.*]

May 5.

Inner Star Chamber.

92. The same to Henry Keyme, messenger. To fetch up Thomas Reynolds, of Colchester, baymaker. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

[May 5.]

93. Petition of Robert Broome, William Newton, and Edmund Whiting, of Colchester, weavers, to Henry Earl of Manchester, Lord Privy Seal. Upon their petition against Thomas Reynolds, of Colchester, bay and say maker, and William Aracre, an attorney of Colchester, your honours having sent a messenger for Reynolds to answer on Wednesday next, petitioners pray that direction may be given to call in Aracre, he being in town "and the only cause of all our trouble," and also to call Thomas Wade, John Langley, and Thomas Lawrence, three aldermen of Colchester, and William King and Thomas Crosse, free burgesses, they being all in town, in order to manifest the truth of petitioners' complaint, petitioners being very poor men and unable to lie here at charges. [*½ p.*]

May 5.

94. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 920*l.* paid by George Buller on behalf of Sir Richard Buller, sheriff of Cornwall, in part of 5,500*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [*¾ p.*]

May 5.

95. The like for 800*l.* paid by Edward Phillips on behalf of Sir Edward Harrington, sheriff of co. Rutland, in full of the ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [*¾ p.*]

May 5.

96. The like for 42*l.* paid by Myller Lewes late bailiff of New Rodney [Radnor?], on behalf of Morris Lewes, late sheriff of co. Rodney [Radnor?] in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon North Wales, by writ of 4th August 1635. [*¾ p.*]

May 5.

97. The like for 220*l.*, paid by Samuel Cooper, on behalf of the bailiff of Great Yarmouth, in part of 8,000*l.* ship-money charged upon Norfolk by writ of 4th August 1635. [*¾ p.*]

May 5.

98. Minute of a pass by the Council for John Middleton, of Horsham, to travel for three years, with proviso not to go to Rome without special licence. [*½ p.*]

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99. Minute of a similar pass for Madame Perronne, her Majesty's midwife, M. de la Planche, her son, her kinswoman, and Marie Chevaliu [*sic*], to embark at any of his Majesty's ports. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May $\frac{5}{15}$.
Lyons.

100. Thomas Windebank to his father, Sec. Windebank. I received at Turin a letter from you by Mr. Baiford. I hope ere long to reach England; for I expect not to be altogether free of my ill companion, the quartan ague, until I shall do duty to you, and my own natural air contribute to my recovery. I thought to have passed by Turin without making myself known at Court, but his Highness being informed of our arrival, sent the President Pelenino, a counsellor of state, to visit us and invite us to Court, where we received much honour from the Duke and Duchess. I hope I shall not need to make any long stay at Paris. [1 p.]

May $\frac{5}{15}$.
Lyons.

101. Francis Windebank to the same. We arrived at Lyons, having very well passed the most troublesome mountains. Our stay at Turin was four days, where we received great honour from the Duke. We are hastening to Paris. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 5.

102. Funeral certificate [by William Ryley] of William Lord Petre, who died at Thorndon, Essex, this day, and was buried in a family vault at Ingatestone. He married Katherine, second daughter of Edward Earl of Worcester, by whom he had issue seven sons: 1. Robert, now Lord Petre, who married Mary, daughter of Anthony Viscount Montague, of Cowdry, Sussex; 2. William, who married Lucy, daughter of Sir Richard Farmer, of Somerton, co. Oxford; 3. Edward; 4. John, died young; 5. Thomas, who married Ursula, daughter and heir of Walter Brooke, of Lapley, co. Stafford; 6. Henry; 7. George; and four daughters,—1. Elizabeth, married to William Sheldon, of Bely [Beoley], co. Worcester; 2. Mary, married to John Lord Teynham; 3. Katherine, married John Caryl, son of Sir John Caryl, of Harting, Sussex; 4. Anne, died young. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 5.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Earl of Newport. Anthony Young is appointed master-gunner in the St. George until she return from sea, in lieu of William Bishop, who is to be master-gunner in the Defiance during that time. Pray your Lordship to order a survey of the gunners' stores aboard the Defiance, and the remains to be delivered over to William Bishop by indenture. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 14. Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 5.

103. Memorandum signed by John Gwillim and two others that Clement Lanier tendered 5*l.* to Emilia Lanier for Michaelmas and Lady Day quarters, which she refused. [7 lines.]

May 6.

104. Petition of Anthony Birkin and Henry Mills to the King. Petitioners having for divers years used the trade of soapboilers in Bridgwater, in obedience to your Majesty's command forbore the same, yet about two years since they applied to the Council that they might be allowed to boil some small quantity of soap for the

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maintenance of themselves and their families, whereupon the Board ordered the governor and assistants of the patentees to attend the Board, but they failing to attend, and the sickness increasing, petitioners since Michaelmas last for relief of their wives and children boiled soap to the value of 53*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* The moiety thereof has been lately seized by the patentees, being petitioners' whole estate. Pray order for restoration of their soap and for allowing them for the future to boil a certain quantity yearly within that town, paying for the ton his Majesty's rates. *Underwritten,*

104. I. *Reference to the Council to give such direction for petitioners' relief as shall be thought meet. St. James's, 6th May 1637. [1 p.]*

May 6.

105. Petition of Sir Robert Poynts [Poyntz] to the Council. Being lately committed for indiscreet carriage towards Mr. Justice Hutton, he is very sorry, and has attended the judge, who most willingly has remitted the error and is a suitor for petitioner's liberty. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

105. I. *Sir Richard Hutton to the same. Sir Robert Poyntz has been with him, and has acknowledged his error and given him full satisfaction. Entreats the Lords to remit his error and restore him to his liberty. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

May 6.
Whitehall.

106. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted at the Commission for the Admiralty. Hear differences between Edward Sydenham, Captain of Portland, and Mr. Napper, Deputy Vice-Admiral there. Mr. Thornhill, the saltpetreman, to answer his failing to bring in his full proportion of saltpetre (*see 29th April, Nos. 123, 125*). Consider Sir Henry Palmer's answer touching his exempting the fisher boats of Colchester from being pressed. Petition of Dutchmen come out of Ireland belonging to a ship carried thither by Sir Beverley Newcomen. Duchess of Buckingham desires order for payment of money due to the late Lord Admiral for his employment to the Isle of Rhé. Mr. Goodwin, one of the masters-attendant at Portsmouth, desires leave to go to Ipswich for three weeks. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 6.

107. Capt. William Smith to Lords of the Admiralty. Richard James being pressed by the boatswain of the *Prudence*, tore in pieces the boatswain's warrant, and wounded the boatswain, for which he was carried before Sir Thomas Jay, justice of the peace, who, without any examination, bade the constable carry him to gaol. The keeper receiving no warrant for his detainment, after some time let him go, and he has since threatened the death of the boatswain. The captain of the *Prudence* thereupon going to Sir Thomas and entreating him to call before him the keeper of the prison for the escape, was not only denied justice, but was commanded by Sir Thomas to put off his hat, and the constable was commanded to disarm him. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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May 6. Minute of the appearance of Richard Cooper in custody of a messenger before the Lords of the Admiralty. Ordered to remain in the messenger's custody. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 14. ½ p.*]

May 6.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. Understand from the Lord Deputy of Ireland that the Swallow, carrying the flag of Sir Beverley Newcomen, admiral on the coast of Ireland, has spent her mainmast and intends to put into Bristol for a new one. To give order that she may be supplied. Understand also the carpenter of that ship affirms that the reason why she has spent so many masts is because she requires a greater mast than can be furnished of one tree. Recommend the same to be well considered. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 14b. ¾ p.*]

May 6.
Whitehall.

The same to Keeper of the Marshalsea. To set at liberty Henry Dunning, he paying all fees. [*Ibid. ¼ p.*]

May 6.
Whitehall.

The same [to the same]. To take into his custody Richard Cooper and to keep him safe prisoner until further order. [*Ibid., fol. 15. ¼ p.*]

May 6.
Whitehall.

The same to Montjoy Earl of Newport. The Fortune pink is to be prepared as a kitchen to carry provisions for the Earl of Northumberland, admiral of the fleet appointed for the present expedition. Pray your Lordship to order that vessel to be furnished with ordnance and gunners' stores. [*Ibid. ½ p.*]

May 6.
Whitehall.

The same to Officers of the Navy. Understand by the Earl of Northumberland, general of the fleet set forth the last year, that he employed Thomas Barlow to muster the men belonging to the said fleet. He performed the same to the advantage of his Majesty's service. Has hitherto had no allowance for the same. Pray them to give warrant to the Treasurer of the Navy to pay him after the rate of 3s. 4d. per diem. [*Ibid. ½ p.*]

May 6.

108. Petition of Leonard Cornelison, master of the Hope, and Hubert Adriaenson, master's mate, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioners being in the service of the Dutch West India Company, had taken a prize called the St. Domingo, and mistaking their course homeward had brought the prize into Milford Haven, whence, under pretext of piracy, they were carried with their ship and prize by Sir Beverley Newcomen to Dublin, and there detained eight months, none prosecuting against petitioners. The prize is become a wreck, and the Hope taken by the Lord Deputy for his use at the rate of 500*l.* Petitioners at length are released and suffered to go for England upon bail of 1,000*l.* by Theodore Scouten, factor for the Dutch, that petitioners shall not depart from London before a certificate be sent from the Admiralty Court at London to the Admiralty Court of Dublin, that nothing is objected against petitioners in the court in London, and that the goods of the ship and prize be put in the hands of the said Scouten upon bail of 3,000*l.*

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Pray that a certificate may be taken out of the Court of Admiralty as required, so that, after many months' durance, they may go to their wished home, and the goods be disposed of to the best use of the owners. [1 p.] *Underwritten,*

108. I. *The Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Henry Marten. To call the parties before him, and to certify what he conceives fit to be done.* [1 p.] *Annexed,*

108. II. *Sir Henry Marten to the Lords of the Admiralty. I find in the office of the Admiralty neither accusation nor information against petitioners, yet because the Lords before acquainted me with some passages concerning this business, I sent for his Majesty's Advocate, Dr. Rives, and required him to frame some interrogatories against these petitioners, and to cause them to be examined upon oath, which is done. I conceive there is just cause to dismiss petitioners with their goods home to their country, since, by the death of Sir Beverley Newcomen, there is no further hope for them to recover satisfaction for their former sufferings.* 11th May 1637. [1 p.]

May 6. Minute of the above petition with copy of the underwritten reference. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 15b. ¾ p.*]

May 6. The like of petition of Rice Thomas, master-gunner of the Tenth Lion's Whelp, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner was master-gunner of the said pinnace under the Earl of Lindsey. Came short 2½ barrels of powder in his account, for which he was committed 15 weeks, and lately again committed from the Admiralty Court to the Marshalsea, where he has remained 10 weeks, nothing being proved against him concerning the said powder. Prays his freedom and restoration to his place. [¼ p.] *Underwritten,*

I. *Reference to Sir Henry Marten to certify how the case stands and what he conceives fit to be done.* Whitehall, 6th May 1637. [*Ibid., fol. 17b. ⅙ p.*]

May 6. 109. Account rendered by Edward Fenn on behalf of Sir William Russell of ship-money remaining unpaid upon writs issued in August 1635. Total, 10,307*l.* 15*s.* 10½*d.*, of which Nicholas notes that 259*l.* has been paid this week, and that with other deductions the arrear was reduced to 9,491*l.* [1 p.]

May 6. 110. The like of moneys received and in arrear upon writs issued in August 1636. Total received, 93,088*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*; remaining unpaid, 163,511*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* [1 p.]

May 6. 111. Account of ship-money levied upon writs issued in October 1636, but remaining in the hands of the sheriffs; total, 20,527*l.*, making with the 93,088*l.* paid to Sir William Russell 113,615*l.* as the total sum collected. [1 p.]

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112. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 25*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* paid by Robert Grabham, portreeve of Yeovil, in part of 80*l.* ship-money charged upon that town by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 6.

113. The like for 1,623*l.* 15*s.* 7½*d.* paid by Robert Burbidge on behalf of John Freke, late sheriff of Dorset, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 4th August 1635. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

113. I. *Similar receipt for 854*l.* paid by Edward Vye on behalf of Sir Thomas Trenchard, sheriff of Dorset (besides 1,400*l.* formerly paid), towards ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 20th October then last. Dated 28th April 1635. [1 p.]*

113. II. *The like for 220*l.* paid by John Mainwaring on behalf of John Lockier, mayor of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, towards ship-money under writ of 20th October then last. Dated 9th May 1635. [1 p.]*

May 6.

114. Petition of Robert Laxton, clerk, parson of Normanton, co. Rutland, to Archbishop Laud. Having been careful to avoid scandal in his conversation, and to practise and preach the conformity and orthodox doctrines of his holy mother the Church of England, he has of late suffered much abuse and injury by one Thomas Bowyer, a barber, who, upon no just occasion, in the presence of some brethren of the clergy and others of good quality, not only reviled petitioner with ignominious terms, as fool, ass, stinking fellow, base fellow, and the like, but also further wronged him by pulling him by the beard in scornful manner, violently rushing his elbow upon his breast, flinging a glass of burnt wine into his eyes, beating him with his fist, kicking him with his feet, throwing a candlestick and a stool at him, striking him with a crabtree cudgel, drawing blood of him in divers places, tearing his priestly habit, and acting divers other barbarous insolencies, besides menaces of further violence hereafter. Petitioner prays, in regard he is of small estate and cannot be absent from his pastoral charge personally to prosecute this cause, that Bowyer may be prosecuted *ex officio*. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Under-written,*

114. I. *Archbishop Laud to Sir John Lambe. Desires him to take order that an attachment be awarded for this barber, and the cause be followed ex officio. 6th May 1637 [1 p.]*

May 6.

115. Bond of Gabriel Easenwood, her Majesty's coachman, and Richard Ellis, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, carpenter, in 40*l.*, conditioned for their attendance on the 2nd June next before the Council at the Star Chamber. [1 p.]

May 6.

116. Affidavit made in a cause of Katherine Viscountess Conway, plaintiff, and Edward Viscount Conway, defendant, by George Rawdon, that the commission of rebellion upon which the order was

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granted in this cause for a sergeant-at-arms was grounded only upon an attachment for non-payment of 400*l.*, which sum had been paid in manner in this affidavit mentioned. [1 *p.*]

May 6.
At the Rolls.

117. Order of the Master of the Rolls, Sir Edward Salter, and Sir Edward Clarke, in the suit mentioned in the preceding paper. Recites an order of the 26th April last, whereby the sergeant-at-arms was to apprehend defendant for his contempt in not payment of 400*l.* to the plaintiff, according to a decree made in the ninth year of King Charles. It being now alleged that the said 400*l.* had been paid in manner stated in the preceding paper, it is ordered that if the plaintiff shall not in a week show cause to the contrary, the contempt prosecuted against defendant is absolutely discharged, which in the meantime is suspended. [1½ *p.*]

May 6.

118. Certificate of Inigo Jones, that the Endeavour, of Shoreham, was employed for transport of stone from the Isle of Portland to London for repair of St. Paul's, with names of her master and mariners. [¾ *p.*]

May 6.

119. Similar certificate for the Comfort, of Weymouth. [¾ *p.*]

May 6.

120. The like for the Henry and John, of Weymouth. [¾ *p.*]

May 6.

121. The like for the Swan, of Lyme Regis. [¾ *p.*]

May 6.

122. Affidavit of Sarah Collins, widow. There was a parcel of gunpowder of 900½ lbs. weight made by her late husband at Chilworth, in Surrey, before the King's works were begun to be erected there, which is the parcel of gunpowder mentioned in deponent's petition to the Lords of the Admiralty. [½ *p.*]

May 7.

Petition of Aubrey Earl of Oxford to the King. Aubrey York being possessed of some personal estate, and having appointed by his last will to give to petitioner, as being his next kindred, the greatest part of his estate, has lately hanged himself. Please your Majesty to grant petitioner the personal estate of the said Aubrey York. [½ *p.*] *Underwritten,*

i. *The Bishop of Ely, Lord Almoner, shall seize the estate of Aubrey York and detain it till his Majesty's pleasure be further signified. Whitehall, 7th May 1637. [Book of Petitions, Vol. cccxxviii., p. 73. ¼ p.]*

May 7.

Petition of John Mostyn to the same. Recites grant of the late King, of 1st March 1604, to Henry Johnes and Thomas Johnes his son, of the office of clerk in Chancery, for writing writs of *Diem clausit extremum*, commissions *post mortem*, and various others. Also a grant of the same King, of 20th February 1622, of the reversion of the said office to petitioner after the deaths of the said Henry and Thomas. Thomas, the survivor, died on 6th January last, and petitioner is admitted to his office. Thomas Johnes was questioned before the commissioners for exacted fees, and the fees now taken

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have been in use above 30 years, but there is no allowance thereof. Prays his Majesty to refer the settling of the said fees to such Lords of the Council as he shall think fit. [2 pp.] *Underwritten*,

- i. *Reference to the Lord Keeper, Lord Privy Seal, and Lord Cottington, who are to certify. Whitehall, 7th May 1637. [Book of Petitions, Vol. cccxxviii., p. 76. ½ p.]*

May 7.

Petition of the inhabitants of Barking-cum-Needham, Suffolk, to the King. Recites grant of the late King to Sir Francis Needham, of the manor of Barking-cum-Needham, Sir Francis informing his Majesty that he would, within the said manor, build an almshouse for eight poor folks, and confer upon them 20*l.* per annum; and erect a free grammar school for the instruction of youth, and confer upon the master 20*l.* per annum; and upon four poor scholars out of that school, to be instructed at Cambridge or Oxford, 20*l.* per annum. For better performance of these intentions, Sir Francis besought the late King to grant him the advowsons of the parsonages of Barking and Frostenden, in Suffolk, which his Majesty granted, and Sir Francis made many promises that he would perform the same, but has not performed any part thereof. Petitioners were advised by Sergeant Crewe to prefer an English bill in the Court of Exchequer against Sir Francis, and the suit has depended six years, and much money expended. Petitioners, who are very poor, not knowing how to raise more money, pray the King to refer the hearing of the cause to such persons as he shall think meet. [1¾ p.] *Underwritten*,

- i. *Reference to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Keeper, the Earl Marshal, and Lord Cottington, to settle such order as they shall think fit for the performance of this charitable work. Whitehall, 7th May 1637. [Ibid., p. 80. ½ p.]*

May 7.

123. Petition of Dr. [James] Chambers to the same. In petitioner's last grant for collection of certain fines and forfeitures, part of your Majesty's casual revenue, amongst other things is excepted your Majesty's settled revenue, which exception, not being in petitioner's former grant, but inserted without warrant and admitting an ambiguous interpretation, the lawyers know not what to make of it, the word "settled," as applied to revenue, not being in use among them. Please your Majesty to require Sir Robert Heath, the Attorney-General who drew up the grant, to certify what was thereby intended, whereby the Lords' referees may the better proceed to determine the difference betwixt the Earl of Berkshire and petitioner. It will not a little conduce to settling this difference to know upon what particulars of the greenwax the medium was cast up, whereupon the said Earl's patent passed; and whether these particulars were comprehended within the said medium. Please your Majesty also to command the four officers who cast up the said medium to review their certificate, and also to require the clerk of the Crown in the King's Bench, and certain other officers, to

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certify whether fines or forfeitures upon judgments have been usually estreated as greenwax, or have been accounted parcel of the greenwax moneys. *Underwritten,*

123. I. *His Majesty requires Sir Robert Heath to certify the meaning of his words "settled revenue," and his reason why the same was inserted; likewise the other officers mentioned in the petition to certify as desired. [1 p.]*

May 7.

124. Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of New Sarum [Salisbury] to the King. Your Majesty, by order of the 6th of June last, referred the difference between the bishop, dean, and chapter of Salisbury and the petitioners to the Attorney and Solicitor-General, who have certified that the bishop, the mayor, the dean, and the recorder, and some of the canons and of the aldermen, should be justices of peace within the city and liberties, not delivering any opinion what number of the canons and of the aldermen they think fit. The determination of the number of justices will very much concern the good government of the city, and will prevent future differences betwixt the church and the city. They pray your Majesty to vouchsafe them a hearing of that particular, and to appoint a day for both sides by their counsel to attend. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten*

124. I. *Appointment by his Majesty to hear and determine the point touching the number of justices on Sunday next, at Whitehall, being the 14th instant. Whitehall, 7th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

May 7.
Whitehall.

125. The Council to the Warden of the Fleet. To set at liberty Sir Robert Poyntz, committed for indiscreet carriage towards Mr. Justice Hutton. [*Minute.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

May 7.

126. The like to Alexander Easton, one of the messengers of the Chamber, to fetch before the Lords Sir George Kempe and Sir Richard Letchford, for refusing to pay moneys underwritten by them towards the business of fishing. [*Minute.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

May 7.
Whitehall.

127. Order of the King in Council. A book entitled an "Introduction to a Devout Life" was lately printed by Nicholas Oakes, of London, and many copies dispersed. It is ordered that the Attorney-General draw up a proclamation requiring all persons to send those books to the bishop or chancellor of the diocese to be publicly burnt, as copies already seized have been by his Majesty's command. In which proclamation, notice is to be taken of his Majesty's constant care to uphold the religion professed in the Church of England; as also that the chaplain of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who surveyed the book before it was licensed, had first expunged all the passages in the said book tending to popery; but that the author, translator, and stationer inserted again the said passages, whereof one is apprehended, and the other[s] sought for, to be proceeded against. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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Whitehall.

128. Order of Council on petition of the Mayor of Winchester, appointing Wednesday, the 17th instant, for hearing the difference between the dean and chapter of that city and the mayor, touching the levying of ship-money. [*Draft.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 7.
Whitehall.

129. The Council to Justices of Peace for co. Hereford. It is held requisite for the better dispatch of the business of shipping that the high constables of the several hundreds in that county be continued in their offices until that service be finished. The justices are to take effectual order accordingly. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 7 [?]
Inner Star
Chamber.

130. The same to Justices of Peace for Surrey, living near Southwark. Notwithstanding the great care taken by the Board for relief of poor infected persons in the parishes of Southwark, as well by collections in that county as by the order of the Star Chamber that the landlords shall relieve their own tenants' necessities, there is no order observed in those parishes, especially in that of St. Olaves, to separate the sick from those that are sound, nor to keep shut up houses where the contagion is. His Majesty is very sensible of this insufferable disorder, and if the justices take not a better course to suppress such disorders, the Lords will not consider them fit to hold the command his Majesty has reposed in them. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 7.

131. Minutes of answers of several underwriters in the fishing business. Sir George Kempe and Sir Richard Letchford desire to be spared until Michaelmas term. John Ashburnham will speak with the committees or will answer it before the Lords. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 7.

132. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 310*l.* paid by Lawrence Osbaldiston on behalf of Richard Shuttleworth, Sheriff of co. Lancaster, part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 7.
Bradninch.

133. The Mayor (William Hooper), the Recorder, Churchwardens, and nineteen others of Bradninch, co. Devon, to the gentlemen of London who are contributors towards the lecture of Bradninch. We tender our hearty thanks for your special love in sending and maintaining a lecturer among us, a man by whose great pains and good behaviour we have received much benefit and hope for a further increase. [1 p.]

May 8.
Westminster.

134. Warrant to pay to Robert Johnston, executor of George Heriot, deceased, late jeweller to his Majesty, 3,947*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*, that is, 2,099*l.* for jewels sold to the King during the time he was in Spain, with 320*l.* more for a chain of gold set with diamonds delivered after the return from Spain; 805*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* for other jewels made and mended whilst the King was in Spain; another bill of 45*l.* 1*s.*; another of 254*l.*; and 423*l.* 10*s.* for a jewel delivered to the late Duke of Buckingham to be presented from the King to Count Mansfeldt. [*Slip of parchment.* 19 lines.]

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Westminster.

135. The like to pay to the same, as executor of George Heriot, 4,422*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* for jewels sold and delivered to his Majesty's father. [*The like.* 18 lines.]

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136. Draft entry on the Council Register of the appearance of Thomas Reynolds, of Colchester, baymaker, sent for by warrant on the complaint of the bay weavers of that town. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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Claverton.

137. William Bassett, Sheriff of Somerset, to the Council. In pursuit of the Lords' order of 16th April 1637, I called the inhabitants of Bridgwater and the tithings of Dunweare, Bower, Horsey, Chilton, and Hampe, part of the hundred of North Petherton, before me and the mayor of Bridgewater, where Bridgwater showed a later charter of the fourth year of King Charles, wherein they are allowed as great privilege within the parish of Bridgwater as they enjoyed by their former charter; and the tithings, on the other part, produced an order made at a general sessions held at Bridgwater in the eighth year of his Majesty's reign, being four years later, wherein Bridgwater with Haygrove only was to pay one-third part with the hundred of North Petherton. I have therefore ordered for this present service that the tithings shall pay wholly to the hundred, allowing the borough 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, it being by the Lords' instructions assessed at that sum more than the just third part with the hundred, and that such goods and persons as are distrained or imprisoned shall be restored; desiring also the mayor, to whom the business was also committed, to join with me in this order, who refuses. [1 p.]

May 8.

138. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 25*l.* paid by Edward Langford on behalf of Anthony Birken, mayor of Bridgwater, in part of 8,000*l.* ship-money charged upon Somerset by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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139. The like for 3,100*l.* paid by Robert Keylway on behalf of Richard Rogers, sheriff of Dorset, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon the said county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 8.
Portsmouth.

140. William Towerson to Jerome Earl of Portland, Captain and Governor of the Isle of Wight, and Vice-Admiral of Hants. Enclosed is copy of the inventory of the Turkish frigate stayed at Hurst Castle and delivered to John Goodwin, master-attendant of the ships at Portsmouth. The valuation was taken by Thomas Wyan at Hurst, and came to 92*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* The ship is sold by the Officers of the Navy for 10*l.* 15*s.*; the ordnance in the Officers' custody is appraised at 17*l.* 17*s.*; total, 28*l.* 12*s.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Enclosed,*

140. I. *Copy inventory of the Turkish ship delivered to John Goodwin 10th October 1636, with his receipt for the same.* [1 p.]

May 8.
Claverton.

141. William Bassett, Sheriff of Somerset, to Nicholas. I have endeavoured by all ways and means to collect and pay in moneys for the service of shipping. The sum already received is 4,500*l.*; that delivered to Sir William Russell, 2,500*l.* The remainder shall with all speed be returned, being extremely troubled with just complaints of divers that are overrated by the assessors, who

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deserve the severest of punishments. Pray present the accompanying letter to the Board. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Enclosed,*

141. I. *Certificate of William Cox, Under-sheriff, to John Malet, late Sheriff of Somerset, of the results of his application to the constables of the hundreds of Chewton, Wellow, Norton Ferris, Bruton, Horethorne, Bath Forum, Bempstone, Williton, Kilmersdon, and Whitley, and to the boroughs of Taunton and Langport Eastover. The majority of them attended the Board to complain of a second assessment made by the sheriff. The total sum in arrear from these several places was 500l. 2s. 10d. [1½ p.]*

May 8.
The Swiftsure
in the Downs.

142. Capt. Sir John Pennington to Nicholas. I should gladly be resolved what alterations are to be in the fleet, for I hear that Capt. Brett and some others are fallen off; likewise who comes out Rear-Admiral; what shall be done in the Palsgrave's business; when the Admiral will be there; and whether they are to go to the northwards or not. Since my last the James, the Convertive, and the Bonaventure are arrived from Portsmouth, but there is no other captain with them but Fogg. The Rainbow and the Vanguard are likewise come from Chatham. The master of a bark which is come from the Western Islands tells me that the Roebuck, Mr. Endymion Porter's pinnace, is returned from the Red Sea and gone into Falmouth with the Dreadnought; also that their Admiral, Captain Oldfield, was cast away upon an island before they came to the Red Sea; Oldfield is dead and most of his men since; notwithstanding it seems that the pinnace has made a reasonable good voyage, for they say the men have shared 20l. a single share. [2 pp.]

May 8.
West Dean.

143. Dr. Matthew Nicholas to his brother Edward Nicholas. I was last week at Winchester and spoke with the schoolmaster concerning my cousin [nephew] John, and made the proposal of sending him thither. He cheerfully entertained the business, and of himself made the offer that John should table in his house. The rate he takes of his boarders is 20l. a year. The writer recommends the schoolmaster's house as the best place. Near the college the rates of tabling are very high, unless it be in mean houses. The master promised that whensoever the writer's cousin goes thither he shall be in the fifth book that he may be altogether under his teaching. Cannot advise that his cousin should be there till after the election. Hopes that when Nicholas's month is ended he will remain in Thorpe, and have the writer's cousins thither; he will promise to accompany them. The writer's poor Betty continues languishing and his wife uncheerful and weak. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

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144. Statement of the number of pieces of baize which are on hand in Braintree, Bocking, and Coggeshall; total, 1,405; with notes endorsed by Nicholas, apparently made on an interview with the London dealers in such articles, and a statement of the reasons assigned by them for the present want of trade and consequent distress amongst the makers of these articles. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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Cranford.

145. Sir Thomas Roe to Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia. I cannot penetrate what will be the instructions of my Lord of Northumberland in the point of the Holland fishers. I believe his Majesty will not be engaged by any promise either to the Prince Elector nor to the States. Until they open the barricado it cannot stand with his honour to recede or begin with them. We have cause to doubt that they hope to necessitate the King by delay of the French treaty. If it be so they err in judgment. That intimation to the Prince cannot be drawn into obligation, unless they had seconded it with some offer of accommodation, in which they are as dry as red herrings. The dream of Madagascar, I think, is vanished, and the squire must conquer his own island. A blunt merchant called to deliver his opinion, said it was a gallant design, but such as wherein he would be loth to venture his younger son. There is not much preparation nor speech of hastening the Prince Elector to sea, though the ships are ready, because the delay of France gives his Majesty reason to pause. Mr. Croft is lately come with letters, that only say they are drawing near a conclusion. Upon two points the Frenchmen demur: not to give the Prince the title of Elector in the body of the treaty; secondly, that the treaty shall not be signed, but *ad referendum* to the settlement of a more universal league at Hamburgh, and that taking effect, the other shall be of force. For this protraction they allege the Swedes. To me this is a strange winding. The reference to Hamburgh is a child we must not father, but I hear there is some inclination, seeing it can be no otherwise, to take what can be had, and to send to Hamburgh; but that will be delayed until the return of Mr. Berkeley, of whom we have heard nothing but that he has lately passed the Sound. New offers made by the Spanish ambassador, but I see no inclination in his Majesty. If his Majesty resolve to send an ambassador to the general treaty at Hamburgh, the Prince Elector's presence will give great reputation to the cause. To be seen in the empire will encourage his friends. If at that treaty his Majesty may be induced to contribute 100,000*l.* for two years, to be disposed for the Prince, I am confident the Swedes will accept it, and his Majesty will be enabled to pay it by the ship-money. If this design be pursued, I shall revive in my hopes; if not, I despair of all projects and airy Indian conquests. Whether his Majesty will employ me or not, I know nothing but my affection to serve him. From France it has been desired; if commanded, I will obey. If this proposition proceed, Prince Rupert may be a fit admiral for his brother. Our design, mentioned in my last, has found many impediments. The projectors fall off, seeing we are so wary to offend Spain. If his Majesty declare himself, all will follow; without him, we and all our projects are but a vain breath and hubble. I have obeyed your commands to my Lord of Canterbury, who acknowledged that he had been informed by a great man that the Queen misinterpreted his affection to serve her. Who it was did this charity he would not tell me, but gave me full assurance that he had received more than satisfaction by your own letters, which he was then ready to answer, and would so fully express

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himself as you should have no cause to doubt his resolution to do you service. I cannot but with joy and thankfulness thank your Majesty that you have accepted my child, whom I loved because she came from you, and for your service only I bred her. [*Copy.* 2½ pp.]

May 9. 146. Warrant to pay to Sir William Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, Westminster. 10,861*l.* 12*s.*, imprest on his account over and above 16,647*l.* 4*s.*, already issued, for the new building and finishing the carpentry, painting, joining, and carving of the hull of "our great ship at Woolwich." [*Strip of parchment.* 11 lines.]

May 9. 147. Lord Keeper Coventry and Secs. Coke and Windebank to the King. Draft report upon a reference of a petition of the mayor and jurats of Dover, already calendared under date of 2nd May instant, No. 20. [1 p.]

May 9. Petition of [Dr. Christopher Wren], Dean of Windsor and Wolverhampton, and the Prebends of Wolverhampton, to the King. The said dean and prebends are an ancient foundation, and one of your Majesty's free chapels founded in the church of Wolverhampton, and have several lands belonging to every of them, but are one rector of the church with cure of souls, and used to take the tithes thereof in common until Edward VI., when some of the prebends aliened their possessions in fee-farm for small yearly rents, by means whereof Sir Walter Leveson enjoyed the same for a long time, until two of the succeeding prebends commenced suit in Chancery for recovery of the church's rights and obtained a decree. But before restoring the prebends Sir Walter died, leaving his son, Thomas Leveson, your Majesty's ward; whereupon, during his minority, the possessions have been withheld from the church. Now, as the ward is of full age, petitioners pray your Majesty to give order that the profits of the church be sequestered till the tithes be tried. [*Copy.* See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 78. 1¾ p.] Underwritten,

1. *His Majesty is pleased that Lord Cottington either take present order for sequestration, as is desired, or certify what is fittest in equity to be done for reparation of the church in their losses complained of. Whitehall, 9th May 1637. [Ibid., p. 80. ½ p.]*

May 9. 148. Petition of Paul Micklethwaite, D.D., Master of the Temple, and one of his Majesty's chaplains in ordinary, to the King. There is a legacy of 100*l.* given by Sir John Fenner, deceased, some years since, for plate and other ornaments of the communion table or altar in the Temple church (now to be disposed of), in which church the altar or holy table, pulpit, and reading-place are not placed so decently as in other churches. The church of the Temple has ever been a church of eminency, and a choir church, exempt from episcopal jurisdiction, and first subject to the Knights Templars, then after to the Hospitallers, and now immediately to your Majesty. Petitioner being appointed by your Majesty to rule and govern House and Church, and all ministers of the Church, as well lay as

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clergy, being most ready to observe conformity to the Royal Chapel and other churches of this quality in disposing the said places, yet fearing some exceptions in these times, petitioner prays the manifestation of your Majesty's pleasure touching the premises. Petitioner further shows that there is no vestry in the said church, for want whereof the ornaments of the church have been hitherto stolen and embezzled, and that the Fine Office, without any title, detains a consecrated chapel annexed to the church to keep their records. Prays his Majesty to command the master of the said office to provide some other place for keeping his records, that so this consecrated place may be restored to the church and serve for a vestry. [1 p.]

May 9.

Copy of the preceding petition, with minute underwritten of command of his Majesty that the communion table, pulpit, and reading-place be ordered and placed as decently as in his own Royal Chapel, and that the Lord Keeper and Lord Treasurer shall take care as well for the employment of the 100*l.* bequeathed for plate as for clearing the ancient chapel and restoring it to the use of the church. [*Book of Petitions, Vol. cccxxiii., p. 83. 2 pp.*]

May 9.
Whitehall.

149. Order of Thomas Earl of Arundel and Surrey, the Earl Marshal, and Edward Earl of Dorset, under his Majesty's reference of the 22nd April last, upon a petition of Matthew Foster [Forster?], vintner of London, calendared under that day, No. 53. We having convened before us William Kempster, Alexander Ovid, John Lee, vintners of London, and Thomas Hungate, for a false and malicious scandal raised by them and by one John Idle, who had contemptuously made default, they being convinced by proof to have contrived and published that the said Foster was broken and had a protection, which was affirmed to be so published by the said Idle to the farmers of the Great Customs, and both in the city and county to his great disadvantage and the profit of the contrivers. All which upon examination appearing to be utterly false and maliciously contrived, we thought good to commit Kempster, Ovid, Lee, and Hungate to the Marshalsea, there to remain until they shall become bound with good sureties in the sum of 500*l.* apiece to appear and answer Foster in such of his Majesty's courts of justice as he shall think fit to proceed against them, we conceiving the damage thereby sustained by him to be exceeding great. We have further ordered that John Idle shall be sent for by a messenger to answer his accusation and contempt, with this further direction, that the commitment of the said persons is to deter others from raising like false and scandalous reports of men in trade. [*Draft. 1½ p.*]

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150. Another previous draft of the same. [1 p.]

May 9.

151. The Earl Marshal and the Earl of Dorset, referees upon the petition of Matthew Foster [Forster?], to the King. Report of their proceedings against William Kempster, Alexander Ovid, John Lee, Thomas Hungate, and John Idle, as set forth in the preceding order. [*Copy or draft. 2/3 p.*]

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152. The Earl Marshal and the Earl of Dorset to the Keeper of the Marshalsea. To take into his custody William Kempster, John Lee, Alexander Ovid, vintners, and Thomas Hungate, stationer, and to keep them safe prisoners till further order. [*Minute.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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153. The same to a messenger unnamed. To search for and arrest John Idle and to keep him safe until further order. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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154. Draft condition of bond to be given by William Kempster, John Lee, Alexander Ovid, and Thomas Hungate for their appearance to answer Matthew Foster [Forster] in such court of justice wherein he should be advised to proceed against them. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 9.

Whitehall.

155. Order of Council. The Lords being informed by Mr. Comptroller of his Majesty's Household that whereas heretofore they were wont to take up of foreign bay salt imported a sufficient proportion for the use of the household at a low rate, now, since foreign salt is prohibited, there has not been enough brought into the port of London to furnish the city of London and to supply his Majesty's occasions. It is ordered that the English and Scottish corporations shall be required to furnish his Majesty's household with a sufficient proportion of good salt at the same rates as formerly, or else that the officers of the green cloth shall take up of the said corporations or elsewhere such quantity as shall be requisite, and at the same prices as were accustomed before the said incorporations were granted. [*Copy.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 9.

Whitehall.

156. Order of Council upon petition of the Saltmakers of South and North Shields, complaining that the multitudes of refiners of salt, if not restrained, will be a means to hinder his Majesty's profit and the company in their undertaking, because they will be the occasion of importation of foreign salt, and because by their manner of refining they multiply the quantity of salt. It is ordered that no new works be henceforth erected or any old works enlarged for refining or melting salt, but that works already erected are to be continued so long as they use no other salt but that which they shall receive from the English or Scottish company. It is also ordered that some new works begun to be erected at Colchester shall be demolished. [*Copy.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 9.

157. Draft of the preceding in the handwriting of Sir Robert Heath. [1 p.]

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158. Note that Samuel Micoe, Nathan Wright and Company had entered by Thomas Bellamy, master of the Philip, of London, from the Canaries, 41 bags of saltpetre. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. The Reformation, the St. Andrew, the Entrance, the Garland, the Third and Eighth Whelps are to be this summer repaired according to the propositions of the shipwrights certified by the Officers of the Navy on 3rd May

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inst. Also the graving dock at Chatham is to be repaired. The repairs of the ships to be borne on the moneys to be paid in from the counties; those of the dock to be paid out of the Exchequer. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 15 b. ½ p.*]

May 9. Entry on the Admiralty Register that Sir John Rayney, having performed the order of the Lords for payment of Vincent's charges and the messenger's fees, was discharged from further attendance. [*Ibid., fol. 16. 4 lines.*]

May 9. Lords of the Admiralty to a messenger unnamed. You are to Whitehall. repair to the house of William Wade, of Dover, and to bring him before us to answer such matters as shall be objected against him on his Majesty's behalf. [*Ibid. ½ p.*]

May 9. The same to all Admirals, Prestmasters, and others. The Gilli- Whitehall. flower is ready fitted for a voyage to the Summer Islands for relief of the people there. She and her men, whose names are all stated, are to be suffered to proceed on their voyage. [*Ibid., fol. 16 b. ⅔ p.*]

May 9. Minute of a like letter of protection for the Dorset and her men, she being likewise bound for the Summer Islands with provisions to relieve the people there. [*Ibid. ½ p.*]

May 9. Minute of a like letter of protection for the Mary and Anne, of London, and her men, she being freighted by the French Company with cloth and other commodities for Rouen. [*Ibid., fol. 17. ½ p.*]

May 9. Sec. Windebank to Attorney-General Bankes. You are to pre- Whitehall. pare a bill for his Majesty's signature, containing a commission for a Council of War, to be directed to the Lords and others under-named agreeable to the commission of the council of war granted the 23rd February 1629. [*The Commissioners named were the Lord Treasurer for the time being, the Earl of Lindsey, the Earl Marshal, the Lord Chamberlain, the Earls of Northumberland, Dorset, Holland, Denbigh, and Newport, the Lords Wimbledon, Wilmot, and Conway, Mr. Comptroller, Secs. Coke and Windebank, Sir Robert Mansell, Sir William Monson, Sir Henry Mervin, the Lieutenant of the Tower, Sir John Heydon, and Sir John Pennington. Ibid. ⅔ p.*]

May 9. 159. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 1,300*l.* paid by Henry Chester, sheriff of co. Beds., in part of 3,000*l.* ship-money charged upon the said county by writ of 12th August last. [*⅔ p.*]

May 9. 160. Archbishop Laud to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury. Lambeth. Upon taking account from my vicar-general concerning my triennial visitation, he tells me that he received 20*l.* from that church for my procurations. I give you all very hearty thanks, but shall desire you henceforward to put yourselves no more to such charges with me, for all I shall expect is that you will give my vicar-general and

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other commissioners entertainment for that day. I must desire that a true inventory be made of all the muniments and records belonging to that church, and that the records with the inventory be brought down from the upper into the inner room of the Treasury, and there carefully laid up, to be kept under three keys as directed by statute; and it were very fitting to employ some skilful person to digest them into some good order that you may use them as oft as you shall need; also the private door leading from the Treasury to the dean's lodgings should have two locks, his Majesty's pleasure being that neither the dean without the knowledge of some prebend, nor any prebend without knowledge of the dean, should have access to things of that nature. [*Copy, by Archbishop Laud's secretary. 1 p.*]

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[From before
Sallee.]

161. Capt. William Rainsborough to Sir Henry Vane, Comptroller of the Household. I have written to the Lords of the Admiralty giving account of my proceedings. They are not answerable to that I conceived, but I have done as much as it is possible for man to do, and have hazarded his Majesty's ships, both nearer the shore and within shot of the castle than I would have done had I had the pinnaces with me; and for the galleys out of Spain I cannot hear of them, neither do I think any will come. It is not possible in this place to take or destroy any of them without pinnaces that may row with oars, to go as near the shore as they do, and I am so much grieved that they do not come that I am almost out of heart, neither can I guess the cause, but I will do what possible I can. After they are come I believe that neither bark nor boat shall go out. I am not skilled in making articles of peace, and therefore if they be not altogether so punctual as they should be I desire you to excuse me to his Majesty. If I cannot get the captives before, I purpose to tarry till I have but a month's victuals to bring me home. The last year by this time the pirates had brought in 500 of his Majesty's subjects, and they would have taken many more this year, having prepared treble the force they did last year. It was happy we came as we did, for within 14 days after they had all been out. I hope before we go away to make most of them unserviceable. I had a design to have fired them with boats, but that was frustrated. Now I am in hand to bring a piece of ordnance to spoil them as they ride, desiring that all my proceedings may have favourable construction till I come myself to give account. [1 p.]

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162. Petition of Thomas Reynolds to the Council, in answer to the petition of William Newton, Robert Broome, and Edmund Whiting, calendared 5th May inst., No. 93. Petitioner never forced any men to take commodity for their work, for that his workmen for the most part have ever money beforehand, but at the request of Newton, and when he was in prison for debt, petitioner let him have two says at the same price petitioner sold of the same sort to the merchants for money, the money for them to be set off weekly in work, and laid him in a chaldron of coals for 17s., which shortly would have cost 26s. 8d., for which also he set off in

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work. Petitioner, also at the request of Broome, let him have a loom for 20s., and he was to pay for it at 8d. per week. Also, at the request of Whiting, petitioner let him have a loom for 25s., to be paid out of his work at 12d. the week, and nine months after took the same at the same price. Finding Newton, Broome, and Whiting deal deceitfully, petitioner accounted with them, and made all even to their content, as by the affidavits annexed appears, and delivered them no more work, whereat they threatened revenge, and petitioned the mayor and justices of Colchester, who never made any order against petitioner. In March last petitioner sustained great loss by fire, having great part of his house burnt down, with goods amounting to 500l., being wilfully fired as petitioner and others vehemently suspect, whereby petitioner is become poor; yet this last month, by borrowing at interest 400l., he hoped to have continued all his honest workfolks, being 400 households of spinners, 52 of weavers, and 33 of others, whose certificate for his true payment of them all, he can in a small time obtain; but now through petitioner's great loss and the disgrace done to him by Newton, Broome, and Whiting, who have not only injured him in his goods, but have reported him to be a bankrupt and a thief, he is without hope to continue his trade unless the Lords in commiseration settle his quiet, and protect him against Newton, Broome, and Whiting. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.] *Annexed,*

162. I. *Affidavit of Joseph Barnard, of Colchester, say weaver, in verification of the facts set forth in the above petition, and stating particularly some of the misconduct alleged against Whiting. Sworn 9th May 1637. [1 p.]*

162. II. *The like affidavit of Edmund Withers, of Colchester, comber, charging misconduct against Newton, Broome, and Whiting. [1 p.]*

162. III. *The like affidavit of Anne Gunn, wife of Robert Gunn, of Colchester, weaver. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

162. IV. *The like affidavit of Thomas Drake, of Colchester, weaver. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

162. V. *The like affidavit of William Blythe, of Colchester, comber. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

162. VI. *The like affidavit of Robert Marian, of Colchester, weaver. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

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163. Certificate of Thomas Browne and 95 other persons, who having known Thomas Reynolds, of St. James's, Colchester, say-maker, during the time of his trading in that town, and many of them having been his workmen, and having heard that malicious persons have raised calumnious speeches against him, declare him to be much wronged. He has justly behaved himself in his trade, and done much good in setting many poor on work, and has ever dealt honestly in paying them for their labour. [1 p.]

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164. Order of Council upon the petitions of William Newton, Robert Broome, and Edmund Whiting against the said Thomas Reynolds. After reciting the petitions it was ordered that Reynolds shall be forthwith committed to the Fleet until he should pay to the petitioners double as much wages as he has defrauded them of, withdraw all actions he has brought against them, and pay such reasonable charges as the poor men had been put unto by coming up hither. [*Draft.* $1\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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165. The Council to the Warden of the Fleet. To take into his custody Thomas Reynolds, and to keep him prisoner till further order. [*Minute.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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The like to commit John Murray, of London, chandler, to the Fleet, for presenting a frivolous petition to the Board. [*Minute, written on same paper as the preceding.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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The like to commit George Lascelles safe prisoner to the Fleet. [*Minute. The like. 4 lines.*]

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166. Order of Council. Upon complaint made against the Earl of Dover to the Commissioners of Sewers for some part of Yorkshire, for raising a mill-dam upon the river Dunne [Don] about 20 years before, in the lordship of Conisborough, to serve some ironworks there to the prejudice of the town of Mexborough, the commissioners first made an order to respite the cause, and then, without showing any new matter, immediately made a decree against the Earl. The Lords referred the examination of the whole proceedings to Mr. Justice Hutton, Mr. Justice Vernon, and Mr. Justice Berkeley, who are to settle these differences, or otherwise to certify their opinions to the Board. In the meantime all proceedings upon the decree aforesaid are to be suspended, but this reference is to be without blemish to the reputation of the Commissioners of Sewers. [$1\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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167. Draft of the preceding Order. [$1\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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168. Brief statement of articles wherewith Aaron Wilson, vicar of Plymouth, charges the mayor and town of Plymouth:—that they have encroached upon the churchyard, built thereon a new hospital, and taken from the vicar a duty for burials in the churchyard, viz., 6s. 8d. for every coffin; that the mayor sells the pews in the church to them that will give most, and claims the right to the chancel; that he also appoints the churchwardens, who by his authority carry away the oblations given at the communion, and never account for them; they also gather the clerk's wages and keep part thereof themselves; lastly, that all the money received for pews, oblations, and clerk's wages is brought into the Chamber and converted to what uses the mayor pleases. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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169. Order of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Keeper, referees appointed by his Majesty of a petition of Aaron Wilson, vicar of Plymouth, presented to his Majesty against the

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mayor and commonalty of that borough for the usurpations upon his rights stated in the preceding paper, and also concerning the patronage of the said vicarage. Mr. Glanville, the recorder, and Mr. Fewall, town clerk, having submitted all the right of patronage of the vicarage to his Majesty's disposal, being unwilling to dispute their title therein with his Majesty, yet besought that in the new grant to be passed to the mayor and commonalty the grammar school might be established and some maintenance be settled upon the same. It was ordered that the counsel of the town shall attend the attorney and solicitor-general and receive their directions for such surrender and assurance as the mayor and commonalty are to make to his Majesty of the said patronage. As concerning the question of encroachment on the churchyard the same was by the said vicar waived; the duties payable to the vicar on interments in the churchyard and the church were to be settled by the bishop of the diocese; the disposing of pews in the church is to remain in the vicar and churchwardens, subject to the order of the bishop or his chancellor and to various minute regulations respecting pews for certain persons; the money collected for the poor at the communion is to be received by the churchwardens and to be given amongst the poor as hath been formerly used; the clerk's wages to be paid by the churchwardens as formerly; collections upon briefs to be made at the church doors as formerly; fees on marriages to be regulated according to the table in the office of the Archbishop of Canterbury; all the suits instituted by the vicar for tithes to be determined by the decision in the case against Nicholas Sherwell. [*Draft. 6 pp.*]

May 10. 170. Another draft in the handwriting of the Lord Keeper of the commencement of the preceding Order of Council. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

May 10. 171. The Council to William Walter, Sheriff of co. Oxford. We send you petition of Thomas Merriot, vicar of Swalcliffe, complaining of very hard measure offered him in the rate assessed on him for ship-money by his parishioners. The vicarage is of very small value, and the vicar poor, though very well affected to any public work for church or commonwealth. We hold it very unjust that his parishioners should make the service of the shipping a stale to wreak their spleen upon him for another occasion wherein his forwardness merited encouragement and their disaffection was deservedly overruled. We recommend petitioner's suit to your particular care, to ease him in proportion answerable to the Council's instructions as to the respect to be shown towards the clergy. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

May 10. 172. Order of Council. George Lassells, of Elston, co. Nottingham, was convented before the Board, on the petition of Elizabeth Lassells, wife of John Lassells, son and heir of the said George, for not having performed the Lords' order of the last of February 1633-4, concerning an allowance to be given for the relief and maintenance of the said John Lassells, his wife and children. The Lords having considered the annexed certificate from divers justices of peace whom they had authorized to see to the performance of the said order,

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ordered that George Lassells shall stand committed to the Fleet until he shall have paid to Elizabeth Lassells for the maintenance of herself, her husband and children, for every mark a week in arrear upon their former order 20s. a week, and till he shall give security to pay henceforth duly 20s. a week, which if he shall not have performed before Ascension Day next, the warden of the Fleet is required to keep him close prisoner till he shall conform thereunto. And as concerning the assurance of land to the value of 34*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *per annum*, with a convenient house to be settled upon John Lassells, his wife and children, as in the said certificate is expressed, their Lordships order it shall be done, and Mr. Sergeant Boone is prayed to peruse such assurances, and to see them legally passed. [Draft. 2 pp.] *Annexed,*

172. I. *Certificate of Sir John Chaworth, Sir Robert Sutton, and others, justices of peace of co. Nottingham, to the Council. State the circumstances under which George Lassells agreed to pay his son a mark a week for the maintenance of himself, his wife and children, and also settle upon them 34*l.* a year, and some small convenient house. Send a copy of a note signed by him to that effect. He has failed in the performance thereof. Certify that they endeavoured to persuade him to look with compassion on his own flesh, but not prevailing, directed their warrant, intending to bind him to appear before the Board, upon which he left the country, so as his son, his wife, and children are altogether destitute. Submit the facts to the consideration of the Lords. 5th February 1636-7. [3 pp.] Enclosed,*

172. II. *Copy of agreement made at Newark before certain of the justices of the peace mentioned in the preceding paper, wherein George Lassells agreed to make certain allowances and payments to his son John Lassells. 31st March 1634. [1 p.]*

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173. Order of Council. His Majesty by letters patent dated 26th July 1631 gave his assent to an Act of Sewers, made at King's Lynn, 13th January 1630-1, for draining the great level of marshy grounds lying within the limits of the Commission of Sewers for cos. Northampton, Lincoln, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge, Huntingdon, and the Isle of Ely, and in the same letters patent signified his pleasure that the business should be ordered by the Council as a matter of State, not to be altered or impeached. A warrant of assistance was granted by this Board in July 1631 for the execution of the said Act of Sewers, to which there has not been that conformity as is requisite. Their Lordships once more declare that they are resolved to maintain the aforesaid Act of Sewers, and if any person shall hinder the execution of the same, the Lords will proceed against him for his contempt. All mayors, sheriffs, and other officers are to be aiding to all who shall have commission for the execution

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of the aforesaid Act, and are to bind over all who shall be any way disobedient to appear before the Board; and finally, this declaration shall be entered as an Act of Council in the Register of Council causes. [*Copy.* 1½ p.]

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174. The Council to the Lord Lieutenant of the county of Northampton. We have sent you a copy of an order for the better execution of the Act of Sewers, made at King's Lynn, 13th January 1630-1, and pray your lordship to cause your deputy-lieutenants to assist in the due execution of the said decree, and that you will be pleased to countenance the same, being a matter of great importance. [*Underwritten a memorandum that similar letters were written to the Lord Lieutenants of cos. Lincoln, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge, and Huntingdon.* Draft. 1 p.]

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175. The same to the Sheriff of co. Lincoln. We have considered your letter of the 2nd instant (No. 25), concerning divers parcels of common fens and wastes which are lately drained, whether the same shall be assessed towards the ship-money. As we understand that these lands are so newly drained that they yield not as yet any assured profit proportionable to the charge expended in draining, it is as yet too soon to lay any matter of charge upon them. [*Draft.* ⅔ p.]

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176. Order of Council. John Arundel, of Longwood, Hants, was sent for by close warrant for having placed two of his sons, John and Francis, as commoners and learners of music in the house of Otho Polewheele, a professed recusant, in Winchester. It is ordered that Mr. Arundel enter into bond to send his said sons to no other school than Winton, Blandford, or such other place as shall be approved by the Board, and not remove them without acquainting the Council. [*Draft.* ⅔ p.]

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177. Similar order. Sir Richard Letchford having been convented before the Lords for his contempt in refusing to pay 100*l.* according to his voluntary subscription and promise to adventure the same in the business of the fishing of Great Britain and Ireland, under the association of the Earl of Arundel, it was ordered, according to his own consent, that he should pay 50*l.* within 10 days, and give bond to pay the remaining 50*l.* in Easter Term. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

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178. Petition of Anthony Birkin and Henry Mills, soapboilers of Bridgwater, to the Council. Have been bred up in the said profession, and have no other means of livelihood. Being prohibited to use their said profession by the Company of Soapboilers of Westminster, they have oftentimes repaired to your Lordships for relief, who ordered that the company should attend at the Council Board, which they have neglected to do, and have referred petitioners to the soapboilers of Bristol. Petitioners have often come to London and been at great charges, and are willing to pay 4*l.* the ton to his Majesty, as the Bristol men do. Pray that they may be permitted

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quietly to use their profession in the town where they have settled and used the same these 30 years. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten*,

178. I. *The Lords pray the Lord Mayor, calling to him Mr. Lightfoot, to certify what he conceives fit to be done for petitioners' relief. Inner Star Chamber, 10th May 1637. [1 p.]*

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179. Similar petition of David Selleck, black-soapmaker, to the Council. Petitioner having served Anthony Birkin, of Bridgwater, seven years at least, and been for himself but a small time, has been subject to continual vexation and disturbance in using the trade he served for. Prays that he may be permitted to subsist in his employment until further order. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten*,

179. I. *Reference similar to the above and of the same date. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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180. Another petition of Anthony Birkin and Henry Mills to the same. Besides complaints and statements similar to those above contained, it is added, that when lately their goods were seized by the Corporation of Soapboilers of Westminster, they were constrained to pay presently 26*l.* 16*s.*, and to enter into bond to John Mudd, one of the searchers, to pay the other moiety on the 15th of May instant, which they are not able to satisfy, and so are likely to be cast into prison. Pray the Lords to cause Mudd to deliver up their bond to be cancelled, and to take order that petitioners be permitted to use their trade in the town of Bridgwater. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten*,

180. I. *Reference to the Lord Mayor and Mr. Lightfoot as above. Inner Star Chamber, 10th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.] Subjoined,*

180. II. *Report of Edward Bromfield, Lord Mayor, and John Lightfoot, to the Council. We find that petitioners' soap of the value of 53*l.* 12*s.* was seized, and that John Mudd, a searcher, received in hand 26*l.* 16*s.*, and a bond for the like sum, not in his Majesty's name, but in his own. Petitioners are poor men, and Mudd is ready to deliver up the said bond if so directed. As touching the request of these petitioners, and of David Selleck, for liberty to use their trade, such course may be taken, that so soon as the patent to the company is sealed and the business settled, petitioners, if they have served seven years to the trade, may be received into the company. 16th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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181. Petition of Anne, wife of Richard Fidden, of Winchester, innholder, to the same. Petitioner's husband was lately convented before the Lords for that, professing the religion of a Roman Catholic, he kept an inn, and was ordered to put it off in a fortnight, which he is ready to do, although to the utter ruin of petitioner and her children, whom she brings up according to the rudiments of the Church of England. Prays that her husband or herself may be

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permitted to continue the inn but for one year, for the putting off the goods and stock to the best advantage. [1 p.] *Annexed*,

181. I. *Certificate of William Clun, rector of St. Thomas, in Winchester, and the churchwardens of the same parish, that Anne Fidden with her three children are frequenters of the church, and in all points conformable to the Church of England. 3rd May 1637. [1 p.] Endorsed on petition,*

181. II. *The Lords pray Dr. Burby, Archdeacon of Winchester, to certify whether petitioner and her children do frequent the church as is alleged, whereupon the Lords will take further order. Inner Star Chamber, 10th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

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182. Petition of Roger Anderton to the Council. Petitioner is tenant to the Bishop of Chester of certain tithes in Childwall, co. Lancaster, under a great yearly rent, which tithes the now Earl of Derby and his father held from petitioner's ancestors by several leases, the last of which expired about eight years since, and for the first four years of that time the now Lord Strange's servant paid petitioner 20*l.* per annum, but since that time his Lordship has taken the tithes in kind to his own use, and has not paid for the same, nor yielded possession to petitioner. Petitioner is but a younger brother, with a wife and 11 children, and little other means to support them but the said lease, and is no way able to contend in suits with so great and powerful an adversary. Prays the Lords to call his lordship and petitioner before them, that petitioner may be relieved, and the inheritance of the church be preserved, which haply, through petitioner's side, may be wounded. *Underwritten*,

182. I. *Order of the Council. The Lord Strange is desired to peruse this petition and to send his answer thereto on Wednesday next, or otherwise upon Friday sennight. Inner Star Chamber, 10th May 1637. [1 p.]*

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183. Petition of Captain Henry Bell, prisoner in the Gatehouse, Westminster, to the same. For five years your Lordships have heard petitioner's adversaries and accusers, but he as yet was never heard to speak one word. Prays your Lordships to call him before you and hear him. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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184. Duplicate of the preceding petition. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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185. Minute of a pass from the Council for Mons. Henry Codony, gentleman-usher daily waiter to her Majesty, and Mrs. Mary du Noyer his wife, to go into France. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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186. Order of Council that one of the Secretaries of State should move his Majesty for a privy seal, commanding William Gore, merchant, resident at Hamburgh, and heretofore partner with Carew Sanders and Robert Awbrey, to appear at the Board to show cause

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why he has kept from the creditors of Sanders and Awbrey that estate of theirs in his hands ; also that William Williams, one of the creditors of Sanders and Awbrey, may be enjoined to pay to George Stampell, merchant at Hamburgh, all moneys since the failure of Sanders and Awbrey paid to him by order of the court of Merchant-Adventurers at Hamburgh contrary to law, which if he shall refuse, then to command him likewise to appear at the Board. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

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187. Order of Archbishop Laud and Lord Keeper Coventry, referees of a petition to his Majesty, presented in the name of the parishioners of East Betchworth, Surrey. Petitioners showed that the church of that parish being impropriate, worth 120*l.* per annum, the vicarage is not above 16*l.* per annum, albeit it has heretofore been worth 30*l.*, and the parsonage was heretofore rented out by the church of Windsor at 30*l.*, but the profit being since augmented the vicarage has yearly decreased. The parsonage is now leased out by the said church to Daniel Leer, who has been sought by Robert Tourney, the present vicar, and been sent to by Sir Nathaniel Brent for some addition of means, but without success. Upon a hearing this day the church of Windsor offered 5*l.* per annum towards the increase of the vicarage, and Mr. Leer having made the like offer, it is ordered that the said 10*l.* be duly assured to the vicar and his successors, and that this order be registered among the acts of the dean and chapter, and also on the registry of the chancellor of the diocese of Winton. [*Copy.* 1½ p.]

May 10. 188. Draft of the preceding order. [2 pp.]

May 10. 189. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 400*l.* paid by William Wynne, sheriff of co. Merioneth, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon North Wales by writ of 12th August last. [¾ p.]

May 10. 190. The like for 3,600*l.* paid by John Hawthorne on behalf of Sir Richard Harrison, sheriff of Berks, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon the said county by writ of 12th August last. [¾ p.]

May 10. 191. The like for 404*l.* paid by William Lewis [of] Anwill, sheriff of co. Carnarvon, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon North Wales by writ of 12th August last. [¾ p.]

May 10. 192. Note by Sir Robert Banastre [Bannister] of ship-money received in every hundred of co. Northampton in 1636, and till to the 10th of May 1637. [1 p.]

May 10. 193. Note by John Button, Sheriff of Hants. I have had warrant from Sir William Russell for payment of 4,500*l.*; whereof what remains unpaid I have collected and am ready to pay. [3 lines.]

May 10. 194. Sir William Slingsby to Nicholas. Take into your charitable consideration the heavy case of William Fenn, servant to Stephen Smith, who is likewise under the burden of an imprisonment with

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irons. Not doubting the Lords will be pleased, as they were committed together, so they may be discharged together. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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195. Petition of James Rawson, rector of Witherstone, Dorset, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner has three causes depending in the Court of Arches against John Browne, Justinian Simms, and Thomas Larcomb for tithes. Has been many ways delayed by the dilatory courses of the defendants, who have combined themselves together with others against petitioner, and partly by their proctor. Three years is spent in the suit and they threaten to keep it in suit seven years longer. Prays that there may be no more dilatory courses used to hinder a speedy sentence. [$\frac{5}{8}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

195. 1. *Request of Archbishop Laud to Sir John Lambe to give the petitioner all fair expedition according to law and justice.* 10th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{6}$ p.]

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From my house
in the Strand.

196. Endymion Porter to Sir John Browne. I authorize my servant, John Cutteris, to pay to you 12*l.* at Michaelmas next, in Mr. Gray's right, in part of a debt which he owes you. I request your favourable respects towards Mr. Gray, who is yet unable to make present payment. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

196. 1. *Receipt for the 12*l.* mentioned above.* 18th December 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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197. A. D. [Dampart or Davenport] to Sec. Windebank. I have got Lord Finch to be moved in the Earl of Holland's name by Sir William Shelley; he promises on his part any furtherance; there will also go another from the Queen. These I get as preambles to your main assault. The Marquis of Hamilton appeared in Sir Henry Appleton's business, and the King twice commanded the judges before they would do it, besides the privy seal for their warrant. Whereby I see we must implore your immediate dealing with his Majesty to procure his absolute command, else it will not be done, though none of the other seem so feasible as this, by reason of the paucity of the matter and the pregnant reasons to persuade it. Sir Francis entirely refers himself to you. P.S.—There has since been one from the Queen with him, who spoke very effectually. His answer is that he will do what in law he may; he acknowledgeth also the precedents, and promises well in general terms. This gentleman was also employed in Sir Henry Appleton's cause; he says that the Marquis got the King to speak to him in his presence, and yet was enforced after to get his Majesty to send by the Marquis's secretary an absolute command, before it was done. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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198. Certificate of Henry Strugnell, Churchwarden of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, of those persons who having compounded for new buildings in that parish had been warned to give their [attendance] upon the Commissioners for Buildings. [$2\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]

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May 11. 1. Warrant for payment to James Marquis of Hamilton, Master
Westminster. of the Horse, of 388*l.* over and above 400*l.* already paid to him, for
the purchase of horses for the King, Queen, and Prince since the
31st December 1636. [*Strip of parchment. 20 lines.*]

May 11. 2. The like for payment of 1,632*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.* to John Hooke,
Westminster. Keeper of the Tennis Court at St. James's, for provisions used by
his Majesty in the said court till the month of May 1636. [*The
like. 9 lines.*]

May 11. 3. Bond of John Arundel, of Longwood, Hants, in 500*l.* to the King
with condition that he will not send his sons John and Francis
Arundel to any other school than Winton, Blandford, or such other
place as shall be approved by the Council. [*Seal with arms. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]

May 11. 4. Petition of Edward Walker, Master of the Insurance, to
the Council. Last year a ship was taken by reprisal, near Virginia,
by one who had letters of marque from the States of Holland. The
ship and goods were brought into Virginia and there disposed of,
amongst which were four tons of campechia [*campeachy*] wood.
There being no intercourse of shipping from Virginia, but only from
England, the said wood was put aboard petitioner's vessel, with
order that if it might not be landed in England then he should send
it to Middleburg. Petitioner has brought the same to London,
to the Custom House Quay, where it remains in custody of the
officers. Prays liberty to transport the same into parts beyond
seas. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

4. I. *Affidavit of Edward Walker, the petitioner, sworn on the
15th April last, in verification of the facts above stated.
[1 p.] Written under the petition,*

4. II. *Reference to the Farmers of the Customs to certify what they
conceive fit to be done. Inner Star Chamber, 11th May
1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.] Endorsed,*

4. III. *Report of the Farmers of the Customs that they think it
equitable that petitioner may export the wood, upon
security to bring certificate of the landing thereof in
foreign parts. Custom House, London, 25th May 1637.
[$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

May 11. 5. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 30*l.* paid by Thomas
Harnett, Mayor of Winchelsea, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money
charged upon Sussex by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 11. 6. The like for 1,300*l.* paid by Samuel Avery on behalf of
William Bassett, sheriff of co. Somerset, in part of 8,000*l.* ship-money
charged upon the said county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 11. 7. Sir Robert Banastre to Nicholas. I have not till this day
Passenham. received an order from the Council for reference of the rating of the
two hundreds of Rothwell and Guilsborough to four persons to be
nominated by the hundredors and myself, dated the last of April.

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I must not omit to give answer to the lewd proceedings of the high constables of the hundred of Rothwell, being contrary to what I now send under their hands, alleging inequality of the tax in the town of Desborough, worth 600*l.*, charged at 25*s.*, and Sulby, being not above 1,000*l.* per annum, rated at 13*s.* 6*d.* Sulby is charged at 40*l.*, which is at their own valuation, and Desborough at 17*l.* 10*s.*, being not worth above 400*l.* I have now in all sent up 1,220*l.* 0*s.* 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*, being every penny that is collected, together with the particular hundreds that have paid. [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

May 12.

8. Petition of Sir John Stowell to the King. Petitioner has in co. Somerset, and within the hundred and parish of Tintinhull, a demesne and manor for which he and his tenants are rated to the ship-money. In 1635 Sir Robert Phillips, with William Hooper, then constable, his servant, raised upon that hundred 10*l.* above what the hundred ought to pay, whereof 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* paid Sir Robert Phillips's rates, and the residue was disposed of to private uses. In the year following the ancient rates of the hundred received a general alteration, and petitioner with divers others were taxed to unjust proportion for the ease and benefit of Sir Robert Phillips, which the now sheriff finding cause to control, Sir Robert has since caused his son to deny payment of rates for his demesnes in Sock, worth 500*l.* per annum, endeavouring thereby to lay that charge on the rest of the hundred. Petitioner prays that your Majesty will so dispose of this complaint that right may be done. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*] *Under-written,*

8. I. *His Majesty will hear this business himself upon Sunday the 21st inst., when Sir Robert Phillips and any other herein concerned are to give their attendance. St. James's, 12th May 1637.* [1 *p.*]

May 12.
St. James's.

9. Warrant to Sir John Heydon, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, to pay to Captain Thomas Whitmore 102*l.* 2*s.* for copper delivered by him for his Majesty's use. [$\frac{1}{4}$ *p.*] *Annexed,*

9. I. *Certificate by John Browne that 17 cwt. 2 lbs. of copper had been received of Capt. Thomas Whitmore, dated 8th April 1637; with note of the said Whitmore that the price of rose copper is 6*l.* the cwt., and that of "batterie" 8*l.* 8*s.* the cwt.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

May 12.
Inner Star
Chamber.

10. Minute of pass from the Council for Charles Bowles to go into France and forthwith to return. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*] *Annexed,*

10. I. *Certificate of Sir Thomas Jay, Justice of Peace for Middlesex. Charles Bowles had voluntarily taken the oaths of supremacy and allegiance before him. 12th May 1637.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ *p.*]

May 12.

11. The Council to Jasper Heiley, a messenger. Warrant to fetch before the Lords Christopher Biston, William Biston, Theophilus Bird, Ezekiel Fenn, and Michael Moone, with a clause to

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command the keepers of the playhouse called the Cockpit in Drury Lane, that either live in it or have relation to it, not to permit plays to be acted there till further order. [*Minute.* 1 p.]

May 12.
Inner Star
Chamber.

12. The like to fetch ——— Gardner, a clerk belonging to one of the officers of the Ordnance. [*Minute.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 12.

13. The Council to Justices of Peace for Essex. We have called before us divers merchants of this city and find them willing to buy such baize made in Essex as is merchantable and well made. Pray you to take order that there be no deceitful baize made or sent up to market, but such as is well wrought and may be best vended beyond the seas; also that the baymakers advise with the merchants what sort of baize to make. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 12.

14. The same to Sir William Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber. To pay to Thomas Davis, his Majesty's barber, 67*l.* for necessary provisions for his Majesty's trimming for the half year ended at Lady Day last. [*Minute.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 12.

15. The same to the Chamberlain of the City of London. We have appointed John Phillips, son of Francis Phillips, Auditor of the Exchequer, to examine the state of the collections for repairing St. Paul's. Pray you to let Phillips have the perusal of such books as are returned into the Chamber, or to deliver such of the said books as shall be required, taking a receipt of him or his father. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 12.

16. The same to the Warden of the Fleet. Warrant to release John Murray, lately committed to the Fleet for troubling the Board with an unmeet petition. [*Minute.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 12.

17. Certificate of Valentine Mortoft and five others, the Committee appointed by commissioners for the general creditors of Carew Sanders and Robert Awbrey, that they have entreated George Stampell, merchant of Hamburgh, to receive of William Williams, merchant, likewise resident at Hamburgh, all such moneys as the latter received by order of the Court of Merchant Adventurers at Hamburgh, belonging to the estate of Sanders and Awbrey. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 12.
Inner Star
Chamber.

18. Order of Council upon petition of Peter Egerton, referred to the Lords by his Majesty. Petitioner showed that having been tenant of the manors of Stoke-upon-Tern and Turley, cos. Salop and Stafford, to Anne Corbet, now wife of Sir James Stonehouse, and late wife of Richard Corbet, for 19 years at 400*l.* per annum, Sir John Corbet, brother to Richard Corbet (upon whom the inheritance of the said lands was settled by his brother from his own issue male), endeavours to get present possession thereof, and by means of his greatness in Shropshire unduly, as is alleged, obtained a verdict against Sir James Stonehouse and his lady and petitioner, and has taken forth an execution against them, leaving the rent for two years, being the remainder of petitioner's lease, to be paid by him out of his purse. It was ordered that

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all waste committed by petitioner or his sub-tenants or by Sir James Stonehouse or his lady upon either of the said manors shall be duly surveyed, and that petitioner shall put the same into good repair; also that reasonable recompence shall be given to Sir John Corbet for all such waste, and that Sir John shall at Lady Day next redeliver possession of the said lands to petitioner and his sub-tenants. [*Copy.* 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ pp.]

May 12.
Inner Star
Chamber.

19. The Council to James Baker, Stephen Harrison, and Philip Ratcliffe, of London, soapmakers. Warrant to all mayors and other officers to assist the bearers in searching for potashes in ships in the Thames, the same being laden therein in order to be transported beyond seas or to other ports of the kingdom to furnish undue soapmakers, and having seized the same to acquaint the Lord Mayor or Thomas Overman therewith, who are to have the same at prices reasonable. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 12.

20. Minute of a pass from the Council for Mrs. Alice Viana, wife of Christian Viana, his Majesty's servant, to go into Holland with Adam and Cornelia Viana, their two children. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 12.

21. The Council to the Mayor and Commonalty of Colchester. We have sent you a copy of a report of two of the clerks of the Council to whom we referred the hearing of the differences between your corporation and William King, one of the members thereof, touching recompence to be given to King for soliciting the business of that town. After King's diligent attendance bestowed upon the affairs of your town, we hold it very unfit that he should be turned off with a bare defraying of his expenses, and therefore order that you either pay him 100 marks according to the said report, or otherwise attend the Board. [*Draft.* 1 p.]
Annexed,

21. 1. *Report of Sir William Becher and Sir Dudley Carleton, clerks of the Council above alluded to. It fully sets forth the nature of King's claim and the answer made thereto by John Langley and Thomas Lawrence; deputies from Colchester. Dated 12th May 1637. [1 $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

May 12.

22. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 734*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* paid by John Ledgingham on behalf of Thomas Mostyn, Sheriff of co. Flint, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged on North Wales by writ of 4th August 1635. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 12.

23. Petition of Richard Brasier and Fitzwilliam Laurence, registrars to Bishop Coke, of Hereford, to Archbishop Laud. The bishop now in his primary visitation is about to visit the cathedral of Hereford and the peculiars of the dean and prebendaries there. Petitioners, being the bishop's principal registrars, conceive they are to write such acts and receive such fees as belong to the registrars in that case. The doubt being referred to the archbishop's

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decision, petitioners pray that an advocate may show the words of their patent, and how they executed the registrar's office in the visitations of the two last bishops. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

23. 1. *Appointment by Sir John Lambe to hear the parties on both sides and their counsel upon Monday the 15th of this present May, in the Dining Chamber at Doctors' Commons. 12th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

[May 12?] 24. Note of grievances touching the registry of the Church of Hereford. 1. The jurisdiction of the Dean and Chapter being now made visitable by several ordinaries, the records which anciently have been kept in the registry will be "distracted and carried away by other registrars." 2. The prebendaries exercising ecclesiastical jurisdiction within the peculiars, and having no certain office nor officer, no man knows where to find any Act sped before them, nor any certain record. To avoid these inconveniences, the form is suggested of a new statute or resolution of the Dean and Chapter, whereby it was to be declared that their registries should thenceforth be kept in the public office of the church, there to be found at all times. [1 p.]

[May 12.] 25. Note similar to the preceding but differently arranged, and with an underwritten memorandum that a transcript of it was to be shown to the archbishop. [1 p.]

May 12. 26. Certificate of Robert Earl of Carnarvon and Sir Edmund Verney of persons who neglected to appear at musters for co. Buckingham, or refused to make payment of the muster-master's fee. [1 p.]

May 13. 27. Warrant for payment of 10*l.* apiece annually to John Westminister. Mortimer, Griffith Eldridge, Thomas Southwell, Michael Smedley, William Street, Edward Atlea, John Reynold, Henry Wheeler, and Robert Stratton, nine of the King's littermen appointed to attend the Queen in her chair or litter, by way of increase of their former entertainment. [*Attested copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 13. 28. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by Lords of the Whitehall. Admiralty. Hear the difference between Edward Sydenham and Mr. Napper, Vice-Admiral of co. Dorset. Officers of the Ordnance to give account of treaty with the saltpetremen. Appoint admiral of ships employed on the Irish coast in place of Sir Beverley Newcomen, also a lieutenant for the same. Consider Sir Henry Marten's report touching ships of Holland carried by Sir Beverley Newcomen into Ireland. Mr. Goodwin, master-attendant at Portsmouth, desires leave to visit Ipswich to settle his affairs there. Letter from the Dean of Windsor. Consider petition of the surgeon of Portsmouth, and of Mr. Gifford, the saltpetreman, and Thomas Goslin. The Trinity House men to attend about the lights at Winterton and Orfordness. Sir James Ouchterlony to attend with his answer to Lieut. Rugge's complaint concerning Holy Island. [1 p.]

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May 13. Entry on the Admiralty Register of the appearance of William Wade, of Dover, sent for by a messenger. He is to attend the Lords until discharged. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 17 b. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]
- May 13. The like entry and order in reference to John Digges. [*Ibid. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]
- May 13. Lords of the Admiralty to the Keeper of the Marshalsea. To Whitehall. set at liberty Richard Cooper, he paying all fees. [*Ibid., fol. 18. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]
- May 13. The same to the same. To take into his custody the body of Whitehall. William Wade, of Dover, and to keep him safe prisoner until further order. [*Ibid. 6 lines.*]
- May 13. The same to Officers of the Navy. We understand that you Whitehall. have contracted with five merchants' ships to serve in the great fleet for guard of the coast under the Earl of Northumberland. We pray you to see that they be furnished according to contract, and to hasten them away to sea. They are to enter into pay and sea victuals the 20th of April last. [*Ibid. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]
- May 13. The same to Sir Henry Marten. We have sent you a certificate Whitehall. of the company of shipwrights against some refractory persons of their company. Finding the parties complained of to be subtle and full of evasions, we recommend the matter to your consideration, praying you either to compose the differences or to certify who is in fault and what you conceive to be the best remedy. [*Ibid. fol. 18 b. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]
- May 13. 29. Officers of Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. We have given Mincing Lane. our best assistance to Sir Francis Kenniston [Kynaston] and Dr. May for fitting a hanging furnace for one of his Majesty's ships. Conceive it may prove useful for a ship about the burthen of the Adventure. If your Lordships please we will cause it to be carried down and erected in that ship. [*Seal with crest. 1 p.*]
- May 13. 30. John Crane to the same. I have delivered your Lordships' warrants to Sir William Russell for payment of 30,270*l.* 18*s.* for victualling ships at sea, whereof I have received 20,200*l.*, leaving 10,070*l.* 18*s.* unpaid. The estimate for victualling those ships amounts to 634*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* more than I have warrant for. I have also victualled the Richard and Mary by warrant from the Officers of the Navy, which comes to 954*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, so that there remains owing 11,659*l.* 13*s.* My suit is that Sir William Russell may be commanded to make payment of moneys due to me before the end of this present May. [*1 p.*]
- May 13. 31. Samuel Cordewell [to Nicholas]. Let me entreat you that the East India Company may be dealt with for their saltpetre, that

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so I may be enabled to bring in my proportion of gunpowder. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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Office of
Ordnance.

32. Officers of Ordnance to Commissioners of Saltpetre and Gunpowder. Report. We have called before us such saltpetremen as are in town. We find all of them willing to do their best service, and not only to continue their proportions of saltpetre, but also, according to a list presented herewith, to increase their proportions weekly, upon condition that they may be eased of such grievances as they have presented. For enlargement of their term they desire no other than was granted by their last contract, which is three years, until the grounds which they have made may be grown to maturity, then they will desire such increase of years as your Lordships shall think fit, and will be ready to enlarge their present proportions. Present draft of a contract agreeable to the former, save that the saltpetremen are to be assured of payment within six days. [$1\frac{1}{3}$ p.]
Annexed,

32. 1. *List of saltpetremen above mentioned, with their districts, and quantities to be supplied.* [$2\frac{2}{3}$ pp.]

May 13. 33. Copy of the preceding report. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 13. 34. Names of the saltpetremen, with the several counties allotted to each, and proportions of saltpetre to be supplied under indentures dated in June and July 1634, to continue for three years. [2 pp.]

May 13. 35. Account rendered by Edward Fenn on behalf of Sir William Russell of ship-money remaining unpaid upon writs issued in August 1635. Total, 9,643*l.* 4*s.* 1*½d.*, of which received this week 665*l.*, which with other deductions reduced the arrear to 8,826*l.* [1 p.]

May 13. 36. Similar account of ship-money paid and remaining unpaid upon writs issued in August 1636. Total paid, 105,133*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*; remaining, 91,466*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* [1 p.]

May 13. 37. Account of ship-money levied and remaining in the hands of the sheriffs, being 16,956*l.*, making in all 122,089*l.* levied and paid, which was 8,474*l.* more than was expressed in the certificate of the 6th May. [1 p.]

May 13. 38. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 500*l.* paid by Richard Lewis on behalf of Sir William Lewis, sheriff of co. Brecknock, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon South Wales by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 13. 39. The like for 1,360*l.* paid by Rowland Widdrington on behalf of Sir William Widdrington, sheriff of Northumberland, in part of 2,100*l.* ship-money charged upon the said county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 13. 40. The like for 20*l.* paid by Rowland Widdrington on behalf of Philip Harrison, bailiff of Morpeth, in part of 2,100*l.* ship-money mentioned in the last article. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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May 13. 41. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 193*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* paid by Adam Glover on behalf of Stephen Dawson, mayor of Lincoln, in part of 8,000*l.* ship-money charged upon the county of Lincoln by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]
- May 13. 42. The like for 563*l.* paid by Leonard Townsend on behalf of Sir Edward Hussey, sheriff of co. Lincoln, in part of 8,000*l.* ship-money charged upon the said county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]
- May 13. 43. The like for 1,000*l.* paid by Thomas Kirke on behalf of Sir John Carleton, sheriff of co. Cambridge, in part of 3,500*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]
- May 13.
Honington. 44. Sir Edward Hussey, Sheriff of co. Lincoln, to William Thornton in Clement's Inn. I pray you to request the Lords to send for John Tilson and Leonard Browne, chief constables of Elloe, to show cause why they have not distrained such as have refused or neglected to pay their ship-money. In Tilson's division about 250 persons have not paid, and 124*l.* is in arrear, and in Browne's division about 400 persons and 103*l.* behind. Neither of these chief constables has distrained any, neither will they. Browne told me he would not, and Tilson sent me word that unless I myself or my under-sheriff came, he likewise would not distrain. This hundred was most refractory in the last service, of which it has not paid all as yet. [*Seal with crest.* 1 *p.*]
- May 13. 45. William Lewis (of Anwill), Sheriff of co. Carnarvon, to the Council. Certifies his proceedings under the writ for ship-money, and sends an account of the assessment on every parish and every clergyman. Has paid Sir William Russell 404*l.* There remains unreceived 43*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*, which he hopes to pay in Michaelmas term. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]
- May 13. 46. William Wynne, Sheriff of co. Merioneth, to the same. Similar letter to the preceding. Has paid Sir William Russell 400*l.*, leaving 16*l.*, which he hopes to pay in Michaelmas term. [*Seal similar to that to the preceding.* $\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]
- May 13. 47. Certificate of Sir Edward Harrington, Sheriff of co. Rutland, of assessment of ship-money on the several hundreds and parishes of that county. [*Parchment.*]
- May 13. 48. Certified extract of an entry upon a register of the High Commission of the appearance in that court of Thomas Hull, of Godalming, and that he took oath to answer the articles objected against him. [*Endorsed, "Mr. Hull about Wisdome."* 1 *p.*] *Annexed,*
48. 1. *Order of the Court [of Common Pleas] in a cause of Hull versus Wisdom, that the manucapcio [mainprise] of the defendant and Henry Atkyns, of the parish of St. Andrew in the West, Holborn, cordwainer, and Thomas Sheppard,*

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of the same place, carpenter, remaining in the custody of Mr. Moyle, one of the prothonotaries of this court, be delivered to Thomas Hill, attorney for the defendant, to be cancelled, according to an order of the Council of the 3rd inst. Dated 16th May 1637. [Lat. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 13. 49. See "Papers relating to Appointments in the Navy."

May 14. Proclamation for calling in a book entitled "An Introduction to
Whitehall. a Devout Life," printed by Nicholas Oakes, of London, and that the same be publicly burnt. A copy had been brought to the chaplain of the Archbishop of Canterbury for licence, and was upon perusal purged of divers passages tending to popery; nevertheless the same was afterwards corrupted by the translator and stationer, who inserted again the same popish passages. [*Coll. Procs. Car. I., No. 208. 1 p.*]

May 14. 50. Order of the King in Council upon the petitions of the
Whitehall. Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and of the Mayor and Commonalty of New Sarum, concerning what number of the canons and of the aldermen were requisite to be justices of peace. It was ordered that there shall henceforth be in commission of the peace on the Church's part the bishop, dean, all the canons residentiaries, and the chancellor of the diocese, and on the city's side the mayor, recorder, and as many of the aldermen as shall make up 13 justices, being the number of citizens heretofore allowed to be justices of peace there. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

May 14. 51. Order of Council. Sir Thomas Aston, farmer of the imposts
Whitehall. of French wines at Chester, was by the mayor of Chester assessed at 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* towards the ship-money, and by the sheriff of the county at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the same farm. It was ordered that in regard the custom house is situate within the city, Sir Thomas shall pay the said 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to the city, and that the sheriff of the county shall take off the sum assessed upon him, and lay it upon some other places or persons who have been either underrated or not assessed at all. [*Draft. 1½ p.*]

May 14. 52. The Council to Edward Bromfield, Lord Mayor of London. On the 14th February last a decree was made in the Court of Star Chamber for redress of grievances happening by the excessive number of divided tenements in London, by which decree it was provided that persons interested in such tenements should before Ascension Day now next enter into bonds to observe the orders in the said decree contained, such bonds to be taken in the names of sufficient persons of the parish where such tenements are, to the use of the parish. To the intent that the said decree might be put in due execution we addressed letters of the 8th March last to you and the aldermen and justices of peace, to make certificate to the Council, according to several articles mentioned in those letters, whereupon we have lately received certificate. These are to require you to make choice of a convenient number of sufficient persons of every parish in

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whose names such bonds may be taken, and that you give order to the persons appointed to enter into bond that they do so before next Ascension Day. You are also immediately after Ascension Day to return certificate to the Board of the names of persons refusing or neglecting to enter bond. [*1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

May 14.

53. Order of Council on the petition of William Scudamore, late sheriff of co. Hereford, calendared under date of 1st May instant, No. 6. The Lords ordered that the Attorney-General take the particulars in the petition mentioned into consideration, and if petitioner shall make it appear that it is not through his default that there is not a perfect return made upon the certiorari, then to take such course as petitioner may not unduly suffer through the neglect of his successor. [*Draft. 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

May 14.

54. The Council to Francis Taylor, messenger of the Chamber, to fetch before the Lords Giles Randall, clerk, curate of Easton, co. Huntingdon. [*Minute. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

May 14.
Whitehall.

55. The same to the Lieutenant of the Tower. To set at liberty [John] Bumstead, formerly committed to his custody. [*Minute. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

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56. The same to the same. To set at liberty James Chaloner. [*Minute. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]

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57. The same to the same. To set at liberty Thomas Skinner. [*Minute. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]

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58. The same to Sir Capell Bedell. We have read a letter written to you, signed by Obadiah Coysh and John Sutton, of Easton, and finding the information therein given to be such as is not to be passed by without strict examination, we require you to cause Coysh and Sutton to make their repair before us to give further information; and likewise that such others as were present be required to come up at the same time. In your direction to Coysh and Sutton you are to intimate that it is expected that they come prepared to give a reason of their concealing their accusation until so many months after the sermon was preached. The messenger sent to bring up Giles Randall will give them notice of the time of his setting forward, that they may come up accordingly. [*Copy. 1 p.*]

May 14.
Sarsden.

59. William Walter, Sheriff of co. Oxford, to Nicholas. The case between the corporations and hundreds in some parts of the county, which was particularly stated under the names of the corporation of Chipping Norton and the hundred of Chadlington, and referred by the Lords to the Attorney and Solicitor-General to be ordered, now requires decision. It is not valuable to any particular man to solicit it, but it is every particular man's answer in the hundreds it concerns to defer payment so long as it stands in doubt. The case is fully stated and ready for a sentence, the delivery of which will much advance my proceedings. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

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60. Peter Farnden to [Nicholas]. The sheriff of Sussex appointed me to receive the ship-money in the rape of Hastings, amounting to 900*l.*, which I have done. My desire is that the sheriff may be commanded to take it out of my charge and pay it over as appointed. He can command the strength of the county to assist him to convey it. I dare not adventure the charge of conveying so great a sum. [*There is an underwritten memorandum that the sheriff, Sir Edward Bishop, is to take the money and return it up to Sir William Russell.* 1 p.]

May 14.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to the Keeper of the Marshalsea. To set William Wade at liberty. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 20.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 14.
Baynard's
Castle.

61. Anthony Hinton to Nicholas. There was a *certiorari* granted for returning the names of defaulters for the second assessment of the ship-money, which was kept so long from me by Joseph Rea, my deputy heretofore, that I could not prepare them until now. Be pleased to move the Lords for a new writ to return both the first and second year. I make no doubt but by money and good returns to give satisfaction. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 15.
Whitehall.

Proclamation touching the manufacture of playing-cards and dice. For better employment and relief of card-makers and dice-makers, the King has appointed an officer for searching and sealing all cards and dice before they be put to sale. His Majesty charges all makers and importers to bring the same to the officer to be viewed, and to pay him his fee appointed by the letters patent. Cards and dice not viewed by the officer are to be forfeited, and any person buying, selling, using, or keeping them, is also to forfeit 12*d.* for every pair of cards or "bale" (*i.e.* couple) of dice. [*Coll. Procs. Car. I., No. 209.* 2 pp.]

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62. Petition of Thomas Earl of Berkshire to the King. Petitioner conceives that Mr. Page's patent is already void in law by the statute which provides that if any man procure a patent of another man's invention the King may make any such patent void without further trial at law. Prays a reference to the Lord Keeper and some of the judges to certify their opinions; and in case they shall certify that there is no other way to end it but by a trial in law, that then Mr. Page may be ordered to prepare himself for a speedy hearing, summer being a season to build kilns, and winter to use them. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

62. I. *Reference to the Lord Keeper and the two Lord Chief Justices as prayed. St. James's, 15th May 1637.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

62. II. *Report of Lord Keeper Coventry and Lord Chief Justices Bramston and Finch. By a proviso in Mr. Page's patent, if it appear that the patent is against law (as it is if the patentee be not the first inventor) or mischievous to the State, or generally inconvenient, your Majesty or six of your Council may revoke it without any legal trial; but*

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the question being who was the first inventor, if your Majesty be not clearly satisfied therein, the proper way of trial is by an action at common law, which, by consent of both parties, may be tried either at the bar this term or the beginning of the next, or by nisi prius before either of the Chief Justices. 16th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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63. Lord Chief Justices Bramston and Finch, and Sir Humphrey Davenport, Lord Chief Baron, to the Council. According to the Lords' order of the 25th May 1636, we have informed ourselves of the best ways of raising moneys to repair the decays of the harbour of Plymouth, which, according to estimate, will cost 2,255*l.* We conceive it reasonable that the mayor and commonalty of Plymouth should receive one penny per ton of all ships coming within the Sound of Plymouth, or any of its members on the south coast of Cornwall, during three years, and one penny per ton of all ships belonging to Plymouth for every voyage they shall make during the same term, and sixpence per ton of all pilchards laden aboard any ship within the Sound to be exported during three years, unless sufficient money be collected in shorter time, and then these dues to cease. Forasmuch as great part of the said decays have been occasioned by the neglect of the mayor and burgesses of Saltash, water-bailiffs of the said harbour, who take the anchorage and other profits of the same, in suffering a ship long since sunk in the said harbour to lie there still, and permitting great quantities of ballast to be cast into the harbour, we conceive it reasonable that they speedily remove the said ship, or that a moiety of the said profits be converted to repairing the said harbour during the three years; but it being parcel of the Duchy of Cornwall, and no person appearing before us on their behalf, we submit the further consideration thereof to your Lordships. For preservation of the harbour in future, we conceive the propositions made by the mayor and commonalty of Plymouth reasonable, viz., that the care of the harbour and the sole sale and delivery of all ballast be committed to the mayor and commonalty and not left at large as formerly, they taking for every ton of ballast stones delivered aboard 10*d.*, and for every ton taken ashore 6*d.*, and for every ton of ballast sand or gravel 6*d.*, to be applied towards repair of the harbour; and that every lighter belonging to Plymouth or using to dredge for sea-sand, shall once every year, for making of deeper water, take away one load of gravel and sand driven by the rivers Plym and Mew into the harbour of Catwater, and lay the same upon the southern part of the fretted neck of land called Howstert. [1 p.]

May 15.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Lord Newport, Master of the Ordnance. In conformity with certificate from the Trinity House the Lords pray him to order that the owners of the Assurance, of London, might be permitted to purchase twenty pieces of cast-iron ordnance out of the founder's store at the usual market in East Smithfield. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 18 b. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]

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Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Lord Newport, Master of the Ordnance. The like letter for the owners of the Ambrose, of London, to purchase in addition to five sakers and four minions already aboard, one saker, two minions, and four saker cutts. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 19. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]

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The same to the same. The like for the owners of the William and Daniel to be permitted to purchase 20 pieces of cast-iron ordnance. [*Ibid., fol. 19 b. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]

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Whitehall.

The same to Sir John Heydon. Pray him to pay 102*l.* 2*s.* to Capt. Thomas Whitmore for copper delivered to John Browne, for his Majesty's use. [*Ibid. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

May 15.

64. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 10*l.* paid by Jarson Lewes on behalf of George Howell, mayor of Cardigan, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon South Wales by writ of 12th August last. [*$\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]

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65. The like for 100*l.* paid by Samuel Spalding on behalf of John Lewkin, mayor of Cambridge, in part of 3,500*l.* ship-money charged upon co. Cambridge by writ of 12th August last. [*$\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

May 15.
My house,
Aldersgate
Street.

66. Sir Henry Marten to Nicholas. Mr. Dade, Judge of the Admiralty for Suffolk, has signified to me that he is minded to put off his said place, and desires that Mr. Peirce, bachelor of laws and commissary of Suffolk, may succeed him. I know Mr. Peirce to be very fitting, and request you to further him therein. [*Seal with arms. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

May 15.
The Downs.

67. Sir John Pennington to the same. I am sorry to hear of the casting away of Sir Beverley Newcomen and those that were with him. Also that so many able men that have served the King long are like to be put by that employment, which is the best and only place the King has to gratify his deserving seamen with, and a weaker man like to be put in, who has not been in the service above once or twice; but this is like the rest. I long for the coming of our admiral that we might be doing something, for I am very weary in lying here. I marvel that the rest of our fleet comes not down, and "especiall" that none of our merchants come away. I send a list of the ships that are come out and when they came. I cannot but wonder that the Prince Elector's business should not be resolved of before this, either off or on. Write me what will become of that business, when my lord will be here, where our scene lies for this summer's employment, and who is placed admiral for the Irish coast. Admiral Van Dorp continues lying to and again upon the coast of Flanders, looking out for the coming home of the Dunkirkers, but I think they have no great mind to meet, otherwise it were impossible they should miss so often. Let me hear how long you will be in town and whither you go. [*2 pp.*]

May 15.

68. Bond of James Chaloner, of the city of London, Sir Edmund Verney, of Middle Claydon, co. Buckingham, and Sir William Fairfax, of co. York, in 2,000*l.* conditioned for Chaloner's personal

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appearance before the Council or one of the Secretaries of State, within six weeks after notice left at the house of Thomas Peirce, tailor, in White Hart Court, Fleet Street. [*Seals with arms.* 1 p.]

May 15. 69. Copy of the condition of the preceding bond. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 15. 70. Certificate of Thomas Nicholls, one of the bailiffs, and John Proud, one of the justices of peace of Shrewsbury, that William Rowley, William King, and Isaac Scott are very fit to be admitted common brewers. They with Thomas Harris, who has already compounded, are a competent number there. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 15. 71. Draft entry on the Council Register that Sir George Kemp
Whitehall. having been sent for by warrant for not paying 100*l.* for his adventure in the Royal fishing appeared, and it appearing under the hand of Peter Richaut, receiver of those moneys, that he had now paid in the same, he was discharged from further attendance. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
Annexed,

71. I. *Peter Richaut to Nicholas. I have received of Sir George Kemp 100*l.* for his adventure in the Royal fishing. 15th May 1637.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 16. 72. The Council to Sir Ambrose Browne, Sir Thomas Bludder, John Evelyn, Robert Goodwin, and Edmond Sanders, Justices of Peace for Surrey. We understand that in Reigate there are at this present several houses infected with the plague, and that there is very shortly a fair intended to be kept there. We require you to give order for suppressing the said fair until it please God that the infection cease. [*Originally addressed to Sir Ralph Freeman, Sir Thomas Bludder, and Sir William Elliott, but afterwards altered as above and re-written.* 1 p.]

May 16. 73. The Council to John Wrey, messenger, to fetch before the Council Richard Richardson, William Worseley, Robert Lambe and his wife, and Humphrey Forman and his wife, all of Upwell, Norfolk. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

May 16. The same to Nicholas Pye, messenger, to fetch Thomas Delfe and his wife, Shephard Brewer and his wife, Robert Steele and his wife, and William Oldmeadow and his wife, all of Upwell, Norfolk. [*On the same paper as the preceding.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 16. The same to Hugh Peachey, messenger, to fetch Osmond Davy, Thomas Saverie, Robert Plumm the elder, and Thomas Hassell the younger, of Upwell, and Thomas Huggin and John Larken, of Lynn. [*Ibid.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 16. 74. Justices of Peace of co. Chester to the Council. We have
Chester. convented before us the maltsters within the several hundreds of Wirral, Broxton, and Edisbury, co. Chester, and have communicated

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to them his Majesty's orders, to which we find them very inclinable punctually to submit themselves. Enclose their names and places where they desire to exercise malting. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

74. 1. *List of the maltsters above mentioned.* [2 pp.]

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Greenwich.

75. Dr. Thomas Creittone [Creighton], the vicar, and four others, of Greenwich, to Henry Earl of Holland, Lord High Steward of his Majesty's manor of East Greenwich. We have, according to your letter of the 29th of April, declared the contents of the Lords' letter to the inhabitants of Greenwich, and have endeavoured to remove the inmates, lodgers, and sojourners, whom we found to be very many, yet most of them having been ancient inhabitors we could not remove; those lately come into the town we assigned short time of stay. We have found so many conversions of houses into small tenements, and many newly erected cottages all filled with people resorting to the town upon hope of preferment into one of the hospitals erected here, or to be set on work in ballasting ships, that the better sort of inhabitants find it too great a burden, the poor's book being risen within a few years from 30*l.* to above 60*l.* For reformation whereof we are constrained to be suitors to have the benefit of the late decree in the Star Chamber for reformation of the like enormities about London, with such further power, the town being frequented with all sorts of idle people, especially in times of infection, as the Lords shall think meet. P.S.—The town is in good health, but we pray that persons inhabiting here, and having trades in London, may be constrained not to go to and from London, as Thomas Paternoster, a broker, and John Grover, a brewer, often do. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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76. Particulars desired by Sir Edward Hussey, Sheriff of co. Lincoln, to assist him in levying ship-money. 1. That the chief constables who made the assessments may not be eased of their service till they have collected the amounts. 2. That the sheriff may be eased of the assessment of Hogsthorpe in respect of the petition preferred by them to the Board, and the like for Boston. 3. That the sheriff may receive instructions from the Lords how he and his collectors may demean themselves with distresses taken of refusants. 4. That a messenger may issue for some delinquents against whom the sheriffs have petitioned. 5. The like for two or three refusants of each town where the service is generally denied. 6. To know if a present return of persons of great quality may not suffice, although the sheriff levy nothing of them. [1 p.]

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77. Draft minute for entry on the Council Register of the appearance of Devereux Gardner, sent for by warrant; he is to remain in custody of a messenger until he be discharged. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 16.

78. Certificate of Inigo Jones that the Fortune, of North Yarmouth, was to be employed for nine months in carrying stone from the Isle of Portland for repair of St. Paul's, with names of the master and six mariners. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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May 16. 79. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 10*l.* paid by William Marlott on behalf of Thomas Freeman, constable of Shoreham, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon Sussex by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- May 16. 80. The like for 52*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.* paid by Edward Boomer on behalf of Henry Hodges, sheriff of Somerset, in part of 8,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 4th August 1635. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- May 16. Minute of agreement between the Commissioners for Gunpowder
Whitehall. and Samuel Cordewell that he should take a quantity of Barbary saltpetre, and have for so much as he should refine 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per cwt. [See Vol. ccxcii., p. 48. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
- May 16. 81. Petition of Churchwardens and Parishioners of Merton, Surrey, to the Council. In February 1635-6, suppliants petitioned that Thomas Hunt detained from the parish half an acre, upon which there was a reference to the Solicitor-General, who reported that Hunt produced nothing to give any colour of title to the said land, but was content that the parish should enjoy the same as formerly, and to give 5*l.* for the mesne profits and charges. On 24th June Hunt was ordered to pay the said 5*l.*, and also 40*s.* more for the trouble and charge he had put the petitioners to. Hunt promised to pay the 7*l.*, but has never done so, and now absents himself. Pray warrant to a messenger to bring Hunt to answer the premises. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]
- May 16. 82. Dr. Matthew Nicholas to his brother Edward Nicholas.
St. Nicholas, Mr. Giles Thornborough died on Monday, and I have this day taken
Harnham. possession of his house, by virtue whereof I have become a complete resident, excepting that I shall be suspended from all profits for a twelvemonth, which profits fall to the executor of my predecessor, according to a custom of the Church which they call *Annus post mortem*. I must also pay down, by way of caution, 80*l.* for which I gave bond at my pre-election. Your love and credit both procured this preferment and have preserved me in it against the practice of crafty underminers. You tendered me the loan of 20*l.* to be laid out in a present for my patrons in plate, and now I thankfully accept that courtesy. I have written to my brother Neville to buy the plate, but entreat my sister to direct him what to buy. My wife I left this day extremely sick. I have not known her in more misery and danger. [1 p.]
- May 16. 83. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sir John Pennington.
"My house in You are to give order to the captain of some vessel in his Majesty's
Salisbury fleet to attend in Dover Road the coming of Madame Peronne,
Court." her Majesty's midwife, and to transport her with her family to Calais or Dieppe as she shall desire. [*Seal with arms attached.*
 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- May 17. 84. Warrant for payment to Cornelius Holland, Clerk Comptroller
Westminster. of the Prince's Household, of 1,800*l.* Among other assignments for

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the expenses of the Prince and the rest of the royal children in their chamber, household, and stable, 5,000*l.* per annum was settled upon the new imposition upon lead, collected by Sir John Wolstenholme in the port of London, of which sum 1,800*l.* is likely to be wanting for this year. That amount is therefore to be paid out of the Exchequer to the said Cornelius Holland. [*Strip of parchment. 15 lines.*]

May 17. 85. Commissioners for management of the lands to which his Majesty was entitled as Prince of Wales, to the King. Report upon "Your Majesty's commission house in Fleet Street." a petition of the Regent and Professors of the Museum Minervæ for a lease of lands (*see Vol. cccli., No. 39*). Divers parcels are already compounded for by Edward Savage. We know no inconvenience in granting a lease of the residue for 31 years at the yearly rent of 6*l.* 9*s.* 0½*d.*, being double the rent mentioned in the particular. [*Unsigned. ¾ p.*]

May 17. 86. Order of Council. Upon consideration of the certificate of Inner Star Chamber. the two Lord Chief Justices and the Lord Chief Baron concerning ways and means to be raised for repair of the harbour of Plymouth called Catwater, (*see 15th May inst., No. 63*), it was ordered that Mr. Attorney-General should take into consideration as well a former certificate of the mayor of Plymouth and Sir Francis Glanville touching the decay of the said harbour, as the other concerning the means for raising moneys for repair of the same, and prepare a bill for his Majesty's signature authorizing the mayor and commonalty of Plymouth to take one penny per ton of all vessels coming within the Sound or other harbours in Cornwall members of Plymouth, for three years, and one penny per ton of all vessels belonging to Plymouth for every voyage they shall make during three years, with other regulations suggested in the certificate first mentioned. [*Draft. ¾ pp.*]

May 17. 87. The like. Recites order of the 7th January last and Whitehall. calendared under that date, whereby it was ordered that, in accordance with orders of the quarter sessions of the 8th January 1627–8, 7th October 1628, and 14th July 1629, Sunninghill, co. Berks, should in all taxes be charged one tenth part, and not one sixth part, of the sum charged upon the hundred of Cookham and Binfield, unless by the 3rd May now inst. cause were shown to the contrary. The inhabitants of Cookham and Binfield this day attended and produced an order of the quarter sessions made in the 6th year of the King's reign which revoked the said former orders. The Lords conceiving it fit that the reasons of the order which annuls so many former orders should be duly weighed, referred the same to the Judges of Assize for that county to settle the difference or make report to the Board. [*Draft. ¾ pp.*]

May 17. 88. The like. Recites petition of Henry Darrell and the Inner Star Chamber. inhabitants of St. Giles's-in-the-Fields, calendared under 3rd May inst., No. 44. It appeared that the late King granted to Trinity College, Oxford, six markets and twelve fairs towards building

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their hall, which grant having been confirmed by the present King, two of the markets and three of the fairs had been purchased by petitioner of the said college with a view to the same being settled in the parish of St. Giles. After a reference to Sir Henry Spiller, Sir Kenelm Digby, and George Gage, and the return of a writ of *Ad quod damnum*, the Attorney-General drew up a book for his Majesty's signature, but upon complaint of the city his Majesty commanded that it should rest till further order. In January 1636-7 his Majesty gave order to the Attorney-General to proceed, and the opposers to be left to the law, whereupon petitioners prayed for their grant. The Lords having ordered that the Lord Mayor and aldermen should have a copy of the petition and make answer thereunto, they were this day heard, and made it appear that by a charter dated 6th March, 1 Edward III., made in Parliament, it was granted that there should thenceforth be granted no market within seven miles of the city, which charter was in 7 Richard II. by authority of Parliament confirmed. It was further alleged that the erecting of a market and fairs in St. Giles's would be many ways prejudicial to the city, and amongst them that the city by their charter of 1st John have the sheriffwick of London and Middlesex granted to them, for which they pay 300*l.* per annum to his Majesty, the principal means for raising which being the toll of cattle coming to their markets. The Lords declared that they conceived it would be very inconvenient and unfit that there should be any market or fair erected at St. Giles's-in-the-Fields, and contrary to the grants in Parliament. [*Copy.* 2 *pp.*]

May 17. 89. Draft of the preceding. [$3\frac{1}{4}$ *pp.*]

May 17. 90. Statement of the grounds whereupon the city of London opposed the contemplated grant of markets and fairs to be held in St. Giles's-in-the-Fields. [$1\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

May 17. 91. Order of Council. Recites that his Majesty at the motion of the Lord Lieutenants of Middlesex took notice how much that county suffered for want of a pest-house, and by an order of the 23rd of April last directed that 206*l.* divers years since collected in the county for providing a magazine of powder should be employed for that purpose, and further that some part of the ground heretofore purchased by the common purse of that county might be spared to that end. The Lords have this day received certificate that the houses of the Earls of Exeter and Newcastle are very near the place designed for erecting the pest-house, and that they with divers other persons of quality shall be enforced to forsake their dwellings or become exceedingly endangered, and that the New Prison, which yields an annual rent towards the support of the House of Correction recently built at the county's charges, will with the House of Correction become useless in time of infection if a pest-house be erected in the place appointed. The Lords thereupon declared that the place designed is altogether unfit, and ordered the justices of peace to consider of some other more fit place. [*Draft.* $1\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

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92. Certificate mentioned in the preceding article and signed by William Earl of Exeter, George Lord Berkeley, and nine other persons, inhabitants of Clerkenwell, and addressed to the Council. It states the situation of the place appointed for erection of a pest-house and its distance in yards from Clerkenwell Church, the House of Correction, the New Prison, and the dwelling houses of the subscribers and other persons of distinction. [1 p.]

May 17.

93. Petition of Thomas Reynolds, of Colchester, bay and say maker, to the Council. Petitioner stands committed on the complaint of William Newton, Robert Broome, and Edmond Whiting, and has submitted and given full satisfaction, as by a release annexed appears. Has had a loss by fire to the value of 500*l.*, and has 500 poor people set on work by his trade, his absence from which will bring them to utter ruin. Prays for his liberty. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

93. I. *General release from Thomas Reynolds to William Newton, Robert Broome, and Edmond Whiting. 13th May 1637. [Copy. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

93. II. *Acknowledgment of the said Newton, Broome, and Whiting that they had received full satisfaction from Thomas Reynolds. 13th May 1637. [Copy. Written on the same paper as the release. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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94. The Council to the Warden of the Fleet. To set at liberty Thomas Reynolds upon his preceding petition. [*Draft minute. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

May 17.

95. Petition of Clement Lanier to the Council. Emilia Lanier, claiming 20*l.* per annum in respect of a grant for weighing hay and straw in Smithfield, Puddlewharf, and Charing Cross, exhibited her bill in Chancery against petitioner, but after answer caused her bill to be dismissed and sued petitioner *in forma pauperis* in the Court of Requests. On 11 November 1634 it was ordered in that court that petitioner should pay the said Emilia 20 nobles per annum until the hearing of the same cause, which petitioner accordingly paid, but she never procured the cause to be heard. Afterwards Emilia deserted that court and preferred her petition to your Lordships, who on 29th April 1636 referred the matter to the Lord Privy Seal, who on 13th May 1636 ordered petitioner to pay 5*l.* in full of all arrears, and 10*l.* yearly until petitioner could have the benefit of his grant for Smithfield and Puddlewharf. In obedience thereto petitioner paid the 5*l.*, and was willing to pay the 10*l.* per annum, but Emilia not being satisfied with any of the same orders preferred another petition to your Lordships, who on 12th April 1637 ordered petitioner to pay her 20*l.* per annum, which he is no way able to do by reason of the city's opposition to his grant. Prays appointment for petitioner and his counsel to attend

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your Lordships, or a reference to the Lord Privy Seal. [1 p.]
Annexed,

95. I. *Copy of the order of Henry Earl of Manchester, Lord Privy Seal, above mentioned. 13th May 1636. [1 p.]*

95. II. *The like of Order of Council of 12th April 1637, but here stated to be dated on the 21st of that month. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

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96. Order of Council made on the preceding petition and the last petition of Emilia Lanieri therein mentioned. Their Lordships ordered that Clement Lanieri should forthwith pay to Emilia 5*l.* for all arrearages due before the date of the order of 13th May 1636, and from that time for the time to come 10*l.* per annum towards her maintenance, and the said 10*l.* per annum after her death to be continued and settled upon her grandchildren, Henry and Mary Lanieri, and the survivor of them; and if Clement Lanieri shall recover the benefit of his patent for Smithfield and Puddlewharf, thenceforward he shall pay 20*l.* per annum instead of 10*l.* [*Draft. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]

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97. The Council to the Sheriff of co. Hertford. By a late order made upon hearing the differences between the inhabitants of the greater and lesser division of the hundred of Dacorum, concerning the assessment for shipping, you were directed to lay the said assessment as the same was rated last year. By the petition enclosed complaint is made that you have altered the rates set last year, charging more by 3*l.* upon Hemel-Hempstead and Gaddesden than before. It was our meaning that you should govern yourself by the rates set by your predecessor, not only for the sum set upon each division, but likewise for the rates set upon particular places. Concerning the supposed inequality in this or other rates for public services we leave the same to be settled by the justices of peace at their sessions. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

May 17.

98. Order of Council made upon a petition of Sir John Stanhope. The Lords ordered that Sir William Becher and Thomas Meautys, clerks of the Council, should call Sergeant Francis before them and the petitioner's solicitor, and require the sergeant to restore whatsoever money shall have been taken by him or his man above ordinary fees. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

May 17.

99. Order of Council. Recites letter of the 28th December last, written to the Earl of Derby, to examine a difference between the town of Chester and Sir William Brereton about watching and warding, and the Earl's answer thereto of the 15th April last, calendared under that date, whereby it was certified that Sir William and his tenants ought to be free of ordinary watching and warding within the city. Their Lordships concurring in that opinion, ordered their declaration to that effect to be entered on the Council Register as a binding act to settle the said difference. [*Draft. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]

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- May 17. 100. Minute of Order of Council that Dr. Rives, his Majesty's advocate, shall be of counsel, with Dr. Eugenious [Heigenius], in a complaint by him made against the Earl of Lindsey, which the Lords appoint to hear on Friday next, at which time Sir Abraham Dawes and Christopher Adams and his wife are to attend. [Draft. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]
- May 17. Rough minute of the preceding order (*see No. 107*). [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
- May 17. 101. Order of Council upon a petition of the Soapmakers of Bristol committed to the Fleet. Petitioners now submitting themselves to the Lords, it was ordered that they should attend the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington, who are to settle the business as they shall think fit; which being done, order shall be given for the enlargement of the petitioners. [Draft. 1 p.]
- May 17. Rough minute of the above, afterwards cancelled (*see No. 107*). [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
- May 17. 102. Minute of appearance before the Council of James Millward, constable of Batcombe, Somerset, according to bond taken by the sheriff. [Draft. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
- May 17. 103. Petition of James Millward, constable of the liberty of Batcombe, in the hundred of Whitstone, Somerset, to the Council. Being by warrant from William Bassett, sheriff of that county, required to levy 30*l.* within Batcombe for ship-money, he gave notice thereof to James Bisse, Edward Bisse, and other sufficient men, who met and made a rate which is conceived to be very equal, but James Aish, of Westcombe, clothier, being warned to be an assessor, refused to be present thereat. The said Aish, whose personal estate is worth 15,000*l.*, was rated at 5*l.*, against which he excepted, pretending that Batcombe and Westcombe were several tithings and must be rated apart, and afterwards that an agreement was made some 40 years since between them that they should pay equally, which would be a burden insupportable upon Batcombe. The sheriff upon Aish's information required petitioner to make a new assessment, which he was unwilling to do; whereupon the sheriff required petitioner to levy the money assessed on Aish and others, but bound petitioner to attend the Council Board to answer the said Aish's complaints. Submits himself to the judgment of the Board. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- May 17. 104. Order of Council upon the preceding petition of James
Star Chamber. Millward. The Lords ordered that Millward should be discharged from further attendance, and that the said James Aish should forthwith pay the 5*l.* assessed upon him for the ship-money, with all the constable's charges expended in his coming up hither and otherwise in this business. [Draft. $1\frac{2}{3}$ p.]
- May 17. 105. Petition of Hugh Lord Coleraine and Sir John Hare to the Council. Petitioners, as executors of Hugh Hare, deceased, were "interested to" a debt of 1,431*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, owing by Sir Thomas Bromley and long forborne, being secured by statute. Sir Thomas,

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being desirous to pay this and other of his debts, married Henry Bromley, his son and heir, to a daughter of Sir Richard Newport, of Shropshire. The portion he was to receive was 5,000*l.*, which together with rents of lands in Salop. being 2,000*l.*, was to remain in Sir Richard's hands and to be by him issued in discharge of Sir Thomas Bromley's debts. About June 1628 an agreement was made whereby petitioner's debt was to be paid by 300*l.* a year, and they received 681*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, but since May 1630 they have not received one penny, leaving 750*l.* unpaid. After that agreement other debts of Sir Thomas Bromley, puisne to petitioners, were assigned over to the King, and extents issued against all the lands of Sir Thomas Bromley, which were extended at low rates for supposed debts to his Majesty, but indeed the debts of subjects. Sir Richard Newport has compounded these debts and taken the assignment of the extents in the name of Henry Bromley and others, and they receive the profits of the lands to their own use. By keeping these extents on foot they prevent petitioners from extending their statute until the assigned debts be satisfied, which will not be these ten years at least. Sir Thomas is willing that petitioners' and other debts should be paid, and in Easter term, 12 Car. I., exhibited his bill in Chancery against Sir Richard Newport, to have an account of the profits of lands received by him for payment of debts, but Sir Richard pleads outlawries against Sir Thomas Bromley, so as he can have no proceeding in his suit. In Hilary term last, petitioners preferred a bill in Chancery against Sir Richard Newport, Sir Thomas Bromley, and Henry Bromley for payment of their debts, to which Sir Richard and Henry Bromley appeared in person, but for delay obtained a *dedimus* to take their answer in the country, which they have not returned, but do sit [*sic*] process of contempt, waiting the decease of Sir Thomas Bromley, who is aged and sickly, having only a life estate in his lands, so that upon his death petitioners' debt is lost, which long since should have been paid. Pray order for Sir Richard Newport and Henry Bromley to show cause wherefore petitioners' debts should not be paid. [1 *p.*]

May 17. 106. Order of Council upon the preceding petition of Lord Coleraine and Sir John Hare. Their Lordships appointed to hear the difference at their second sitting next term. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

May 17. Rough note of the preceding order, afterwards cancelled (see No. 107). [3 *lines.*]

May. 17. 107. Order of Council. Anthony Mister, of Lambeth, having his house infected with plague, not only sent his children abroad but sold his household stuff, whereby the infection was much dispersed. It was ordered that Dr. [Daniel] Featley, justice of peace, should commit him to the White Lion, in Southwark, for trial according to law, and should certify how many inmates were abiding in Mister's house when it was first infected. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

[May 17.] 108. Petition of Sir William Calley to the Council. Sir Walter Titchborne, of Aldershott, and Sir Richard Titchborne, of Titchborne,

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both in Hants, are bound to petitioner by obligation, dated 1 December 1634, in 600*l.*, for payment of 312*l.* on 3rd June then following. Petitioner prays that the protection granted to the said Sir Richard and Sir Walter Titchborne may not be renewed until petitioner shall be satisfied. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 17. 109. Order of Council upon the preceding petition. The Secretaries of State, the Master of Requests, Clerks of the Signet, and others, should take care that no petition be presented to his Majesty for a further protection to Sir Walter and Sir Richard Titchborne unless the debt to Sir William Calley be paid. [*Draft.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 17. 110. Petition of John Ashburnham to the Council. Petitioner lent Sir Richard Titchborne, five years since, 600*l.* upon bond. Sir Richard has taken off 450*l.*, yet for the remainder petitioner can get no satisfaction. Prays that Sir Richard's protection may not be renewed until he has given petitioner satisfaction. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 17. 111. Order of Council similar to that in the preceding case of Sir William Calley. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 17. 112. Petition of Sir Gerard Fleetwood to the Council. In November 1633, petitioner lent Sir Walter Titchborne and Sir Richard, his brother, 500*l.* upon their bond and that of Sir John Philpot, who is since dead, for their security. Petitioner is not, as yet, paid any part of his money, Sir Walter and Sir Richard Titchborne having since got themselves into protection royal and being sworn his Majesty's servants. Petitioner was likewise bound for them about 10 years since to Peter Corne in 400*l.* for payment of 200*l.* yet unsatisfied, and Sir Richard and Sir Walter had given an appearance to Corne by which a judgment was got against petitioner for the said 400*l.* Prays leave to seek his relief at law, and that order be given to the clerk of the signet and masters of requests that no protection pass until petitioner be satisfied. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 17. 113. Order of Council similar to that in the preceding case of Star Chamber. John Ashburnham. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 17. 114. Order of Council. Recites petition of Francis Theobald, showing that Sir Richard and Sir Walter Titchborne for the proper debt of Sir Richard had acknowledged a judgment to petitioner of 600*l.* defeasanced for payment of his debt on the first of this month, which Sir Richard had neglected to pay, whereupon petitioner desired leave to take the benefit of his judgment, or that no new protection might be granted till his debt were satisfied. The Lords ordered as in the preceding similar cases. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 17. 115. The like. Recites petition of Richard Halford and Jane his wife, showing that about five years since the petitioner Jane lent to Sir John Philpot, on his bond and that of Sir Richard and Sir Walter Titchborne, 500*l.*, but Sir John dying, made over to Sir Richard and Sir Walter leases of 600*l.* per annum for payment of

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that and other debts, whereupon they became bound to pay the 500*l.* in February 1634; but no payment has been made, for that they have stood upon his Majesty's royal protection. Petitioners therefore prayed that Sir Richard's protection might not be renewed until he had paid the 500*l.* or given better security for the same. The Lords made an order similar to that in the preceding cases of the like nature. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

[May 17] 116. Petition of Anthony Birkin and Henry Mills, soapmakers of Bridgwater, to the Council. State the contents of their former petitions, with the references and report of the Lord Mayor and John Lightfoot, calendared under the dates of the 6th and 10th of this present month (*Vol. ccclv., Nos. 104, 178-180*). Pray for an order that the bond made by petitioners to John Mudd, a searcher for illicit soap, may be delivered up to be cancelled, and that they and David Selleck may be received into the company when the same is settled, and in the meantime may be permitted to use their trade. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 17. 117. Order upon the preceding petition of Anthony Birkin and
Star Chamber. Henry Mills. It was ordered that John Mudd should deliver up to Birkin and Mills the bond above mentioned to be cancelled; and Birkin, Mills, and Selleck were recommended to the Lord Mayor, that when the business of soap shall be settled, such of them may be received into the company as have served seven years in the trade of soapmaking. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 17. 118. Capt. Henry Bell to the Council. Because I would be thoroughly secured that my two requests expressed in the annexed petition should be approved every way agreeable to justice and equity, I sent the same to six several persons of worth, note, and quality. They concur in one mind that my requests fully agree with Christian reason, with the law of nature, with justice and with equity, and that one of the same requests at least ought to be freely offered without any suit at all. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Annexed,*

118. 1. *Petition of Capt. Henry Bell, prisoner in the Gatehouse, to the Council. The hearing of petitioner's cause during five years has been deferred, and even as long his body detained in prison. To the end it may appear to the world whether petitioner be guilty or not of the crimes wherewith he is charged, and also whether he did or did not disburse very near 4,000*l.* about 21 years past in the employments of his late Majesty and the State, he prays a speedy hearing of his cause, and that his accusers, as also himself, may have such justice administered to them as by the law is established. But if, in regard of other weighty affairs, your Lordships as yet have not had time to take his cause into hearing, then he prays that order may be taken for such maintenance as shall be fitting for a man of petitioner's rank.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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119. Petition of Sir John St. John to the Council. Petitioner's name being used in trust for purchase of an annuity of 100*l.* from Peter Apsley, for the maintenance of the younger children of Sir Allen Apsley, deceased, the care of which children was committed to Dame Lucy, sister of petitioner, who is since married to Sir Leventhorpe Frank, your Lordships, by order dated 10th February last, directed that thenceforward petitioner should receive said annuity and pay it over to the use of the said children. Dame Lucy, who has the custody of the younger children, desires petitioner to pay the money to Allen Apsley, one of her sons, who, with the said lady, have otherwise provided for the other children; but petitioner, by reason of the said lady's marriage with Sir Leventhorpe Frank, knows not how to dispose or what discharge to receive for the said money. Prays direction. *Underwritten,*

119. I. *Sir Leventhorpe Frank and his lady are to see this petition, and to return answer with all expedition. Inner Star Chamber, 17th May 1637. [1 p.]*

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120. Petition of Thomas Downer, vicar of Charlbury, co. Oxford, to Archbishop Laud, Lord Keeper Coventry, the Earl of Manchester, Lord Privy Seal, and Sec. Coke, referees appointed by the King upon a petition of the present petitioner. By their order of the 1st June 1636, Sir Henry Calthrop, attorney of the Court of Wards, was prayed to look over the proceedings in a case of tithes of wood betwixt Sir Henry Lee, late of Ditchley, deceased, and petitioner, to certify the true state of that business. Petitioner prays the Lords to mediate in his behalf to the said Sir Henry Calthrop, that petitioner may in some convenient time return to the duties of his calling. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

120. I. *Request of the referees to the attorney of the Court of Wards to give what expedition may stand with the course of justice in the dispatch of this business. Inner Star Chamber, 17 May 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

May 17.

121. Statement of Sir Peter Vanlore's demands against Sir Edward Powell, wherein he prays to be relieved by the Lords referees. These demands relate to the disputes between the several parties as to their rights in the estate of the late Sir Peter Vanlore. The matters in difference had been referred to Archbishop Laud, Lord Keeper Coventry, and Lord Treasurer Juxon (*see Vol. cccxxii., No. 26*). [1 p.]

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122. Copy order sent by Bishop Davenant, of Salisbury, to the parish of Aldbourn, Wilts, respecting the placing of the communion table, and which order is stated to have been entered in the register book of that parish by the curate at that time. It is as follows:—

“John by diuine prouidence Bishopp of Sarum, to the Curate and Churchwardens with the Parishioners of Alborne in the county of Wiltes, and our diocese of Sarum, greeting. Whereas his Majestie hath been lately informed that some men factiously disposed hath taken vpon themselves to place and remooue the communion table in the Church of Alborne, and therevpon his

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highnes hath required mee to take present order therein. These are to let you knowe, that both according to the Iniunctions giuen out in the reign of Queen Elizabeth for the placinge of communion tables in churches, and by the 82. Cannon agreed upon in the first year of the raigne of King James of blessed memory, it was intimated that these Tables should ordinarilie bee sett and stand with the side to the east wall of the Chauncell. I therfor requier you the Churchwardens and all other persons not to meddle with the bringinge downe or transportinge of the communion table, as you will answer it att your owne perill. And because some doe ignorantly suppose that the standinge of the communion table wher [the] alter stood in tymes of superstition hath some relishe of poperie, and some perchance may as erroneously conceive that the placing therof otherwise when the holy communion is administred sauors of inreuerence, I would haue you to take notice from the forenamed Iniunctions and Cannon, from the Rubricke par-fixed before the administration of the Lord's Supper, and from the first article not long since inquired of in the visitation of our most reuerend Metropolitan, that the placing of it higher or lower in the Chauncell or in the church is by the iudgment of the Church [of] England a thinge indifferent and to be ordered and guided by the only rule of conueniencie. Now because in thinges of this nature to judge and determine what is most conuenient belonges not to priuat persons but to those that have Ecclesiastical authoritie, I inhibitt you the Churchwardens and all other persons whatsoever to meddle with the bringing done [sic] of the Communion table or with alteringe the place therof att such tymes as the holy supper is to bee administred, and I requier you herein to yeeld obedience vnto what is all readie judged most conuenient by my Chancellor unless upon further consideration and veiw it shalbee otherwise ordered. Now to the end that the minister may neither bee overtoyled, nor the people indecentlie and inconvenientlie thronged together when they are to drawe neere and take the holy sacrament, and that the frequent celebration therof may neuer the less bee continued, I doe further appointe that thrice in the yeare att the least, there bee publicke notice given in the church for foure communions to bee held upon foure Sundaies together, and that there come not to the communion above two hundred att the most, for the better obseruacion wherof, and that euery man may know his proper time, the Curat shall deuide the parishioners in to fower partes accordinge to his discrecation [sic] and as shall most fittinglie serue to this purpose, and if they diuided into four parts, any turbeilent spiritt shall disobay this our order, hee shall bee proceeded against according to the quality of his fault and misdemeanor. In witness wherof I have herevnto sett my hand and seale Episcopall this seuenteenth day of May 1637, and in the yeare of our consecration the sixteenth."

[1½ p. On the same paper are extracts from the printed speech of Archbishop Laud, spoken at the censure of Bastwick and others on the 14th June 1637 (pp. 57, 58), referring to the preceding order of the Bishop of Salisbury.]

- May 17. 123. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 3,400*l.* paid by Richard Pitts on behalf of Sir Neville Poole, sheriff of Wilts, in part of 7,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]
- May 17. 124. List of his Majesty's ships arrived in the Downs, with the day when they came in, between 11th April last and 12th May instant. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]
- May 17. 125. Declaration of George Littlebois in answer to charges laid against him, that he had moneys in his hands belonging to the Benedictines. He neither has, nor at any time had, nor does he

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know who has any such money; but he has heard Mary Hunt say that she paid Mr. Peto 500*l.* of Mr. Ashe's money, but where Peto is he cannot discover. [1 *p.*]

May 18. 126. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 3,441*l.* 7*s.* paid by Edward Rainsford on behalf of Sir Greville Verney, sheriff of co. Warwick, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 4th August 1635. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

May 18. 127. The like for 120*l.* paid by Gilbert Eveleigh on behalf of William Tiller, mayor of Totness, in part of 9,000*l.* ship-money charged upon co. Devon by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

May 18. 128. The like for 3,320*l.* paid by Sir Edward Bishop, sheriff of Sussex, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

May 18. 129. The like for 20*l.* paid by Sir Robert Jackson on behalf of John Sleigh, mayor of Warwick [Berwick]-upon-Tweed, in part of 2,100*l.* ship-money charged upon Northumberland by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

May 18. 130. The like for 90*l.* paid by Thomas Oxtan, mayor of St. Alban's, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon co. Hertford by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

May 18. 131. The like for 192*l.* paid by William Knight, mayor of Northampton, in part of 6,000*l.* ship-money charged upon co. Northampton by writ of 4th August 1635. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

May 18. 132. The Council to Sir Edward Hussey, Sheriff of co. Lincoln. Understand by your under-sheriff that you have in your hands divers distresses of several natures, taken from persons who refuse to pay ship-money, and that you expect directions how to dispose of the same. We are by his Majesty's command to require you to sell all such distresses, and having deducted the full sum assessed, with all charges, to pay the overplus back to the said parties. [Draft. 1 *p.*]

May 18. 133. The same to John Lisny, messenger of the chamber, to fetch before the Lords Leonard Browne, John Tilson, William Official, chief constables and collectors of the ship-money in co. Lincoln, Thomas Burton, petty constable, and William Slater, of the same county. [Draft. $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

May 18. 134. The same to Sir Edward Bishop, Sheriff of co. Sussex. Whereas Whitehall. you appointed Peter Farnden collector of ship-money for the rape of Hastings, amounting to 900*l.*, which he has had in his hands near two months, and has often tendered the same to you, we will and command you, without further dispute, to receive the same and send it to Sir William Russell, Treasurer of the Navy. [Draft. 1 *p.*]

May 18. 135. The same to Sir Humphrey Mildmay, Sheriff of Essex. John Burley and Robert Spicer, inhabitants of Great Warley, have com-

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plained of George Colvell, collector of ship-money in that parish, for abuses touching the draft of a rate made for that service, which complaint in your opinion deserves consideration. We require you to send for Colvell and bind him over to appear at the Board. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 18.

136. The Council to Sir Neville Poole, Sheriff of Wilts. Dr. Steward, parson of Mildenhall, has complained of the collectors of that parish, who, to ease themselves, had assessed him for ship-money at 4*l.*, the whole town being assessed but at 20*l.* Provision has been taken for the clergy in other places by letters of this Board, that they and their tenants of parsonages or the like spiritual livings be no further charged than the tenth part of the assessment made by indifferent land rates, and in proportion only to the benefit of their tithes. Pray him to call before him the assessors and collectors of Mildenhall, and if he finds that they have assessed Dr. Steward at more than the tenth part, to cause the same to be charged upon others of the parish, so that the whole 20*l.* may nevertheless be paid. [*Draft.* $1\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 18.

137. Pass from the Council for Katherine Darcy to go to "the Spaw" for six months, taking with her Mary Stafford and John Carter, her servants. [*Draft minute.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Annexed,*

137. I. *Certificate of Dr. John More and Dr. Thomas Cademan that it is necessary for her health that Katherine Darcy take the Spaw water.* 18th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 18.
Chelsea.

138. James Lord Strange to the Council. According to your direction dated the 10th inst. I have perused the petition of Roger Anderton, but cannot return any direct answer before I can attend the Earl of Derby, my father, whom the petitioner alleges to enjoy the said tithes. In the meantime I will endeavour to obtain satisfaction for the petitioner if there be just cause, or otherwise the Earl to answer petitioner in any legal course. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 18.

Nicholas to Richard Poole. The commissioners for saltpetre signify that you are to prepare a deputation from them to John Giffard to make saltpetre in the cos. Gloucester, Worcester, Hertford, Wilts, Dorset, and Somerset. He is to bring into the King's stores 9 cwt. of saltpetre a week out of those counties. This new deputation to continue for seven years. [*Copy. Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 148.*]

May 18.

139. Bond of Edmund Clipsham, of Freston, co. Lincoln, to the King in 200*l.*, with condition that he will not commit any unlawful attempt to the prejudice of George Kirke, gentleman of the robes, or others the patentees of the West Fen, co. Lincoln, and that he will attend the Lords within one month after notice. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 18.

140. Affidavit of William Briscoe, the King's bailiff of the lordship of Holme Cultram in Cumberland, that by virtue of a letter of Lord Cottington, dated 20th May [*sic*] 1634, he made the King's

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drift and impounded the cattle of the tenants of the said lordship, but Anthony Barrowes, John Wise, and Robert Barrowes, being his Majesty's tenants, came with force and brake the pound, turning out the cattle, to the loss of the King of about 10*l*. Also that they said that Lord Cottington was a base rascal to grant any such letter, and that John Chambers, another of the King's tenants, said that what the other parties had said was all true, for that they could not speak so base of "the supposed Lord Cottington" as he deserved.
[1 p.] *Annexed,*

140. I. *Francis Lord Cottington to Peter Senhouse, his Majesty's steward of Holme Cultram, and to William Briscoe, bailiff there. At the next court day they are to call before them his Majesty's ancient cottagers and tenants liable to pay the annual rent of 6*l*. 12*s*. 10*d*. and to discover the proportion each tenant is to pay, that his Majesty may the better be assured of his annual rent until his Majesty shall by lease or fee-farm dispose of the premises. 20th March 1634. [Copy. 1 p.]*

140. II. *Statement signed by William Briscoe of the words spoken against Lord Cottington upon which the preceding affidavit was formed. [½ p.]*

May 18. 141. Agreement between Lancelot Baxter, of Waltham, Essex, and Robert Salvin, of Staindrop, Durham, of the one part, and Sir Henry Vane of the other part. Sir Henry Vane having demised to Baxter for a term of years the Middle Park of Raby, wherein there was a piece of wood ground called the Lady Close, Baxter and Salvin, his under-tenant, agreed to deliver up again to Sir Henry Vane the Lady Close upon certain terms which are here stated. [1½ p.]

May 19. 142. Petition of Lidea Lupo, widow of Thomas Lupo, composer of your Majesty's music, to the King. There was due to her husband at the time of his decease, for three years arrearages of his livery out of the Great Wardrobe, 48*l*., and to her son, Theophilus Lupo, one of your Majesty's violins, 32*l*. for his two years' livery, which he has bestowed upon petitioner. Has been long suitor to the Earl of Denbigh, master of the wardrobe, but his answer is that he cannot pay without your Majesty's warrant, for which petitioner prays. [¾ p.]
Underwritten,

142. I. *Minute of the King's pleasure that the Earl of Denbigh give order for payment. St. James's, 19th May 1637. [¼ p.]*

May 19. Inner Star Chamber. 143. Order of Council. The church of St. Michael le Querne, in Cheapside, being now re-edifying, there stands at the east end of the church-close a shop built upon the waste where Edward Brooke dwells, and which shop is not only a disgrace to the street but a means of "streighting" the said church, which will not hold much above half the parish. It was ordered that Sir Henry Spiller, Inigo Jones, surveyor of his Majesty's works, Lawrence Whitaker,

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John Williams, and Thomas Langden, being the commissioners for buildings, calling to them the churchwardens and some of the parishioners, cause the re-edifying of the church to be presently stayed, and that they agree with the owner of the shop for the purchase of the same, that it may be taken in as well to enlarge the church as to beautify it and the street. It is further ordered that they view the conduit at the east end of the said church, and give directions that the same may be disposed for convenience of the conduit and the better beautifying of the church and street. [*Order altered after engrossed, the engrossment converted into a draft. 1½ p.*]

May 19.
Inner Star
Chamber.

144. Order of Council. Their Lordships having referred a petition of the worsted combers of Exeter touching a charter of incorporation to the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas and received his opinion upon the same, and since referred the consideration of divers particular articles to the Attorney-General, who certified thereon on the 20th April last, it was ordered that the Attorney-General prepare a bill for his Majesty's signature containing a charter of incorporation agreeable to his said certificate, reserving to his Majesty the rent of 20 nobles per annum. [*Draft. 1¼ p.*]

May 19.

145. Petition of the President, Treasurer, and Governors of Christ's Hospital, near Newgate market, to the Council. There are upon the charge of the said hospital near upon 1,000 orphans, most of whom, according to ancient custom, are kept abroad at nurse in the country until of fit age to be set to school or to be bound apprentices, there being not receipt in the hospital for above one fourth part of them. By warrant of Sir Thomas Fanshawe and Sir John Watts, justices of peace in co. Hertford, divers of the nurses living in Ware have been compelled to part with their nurse-children, and on the 17th instant about 30 were sent up in waggons to the hospital, the nurses themselves travelling on foot, guarded as if they had been offenders. The other nurses in those parts are threatened with imprisonment if they refuse to send their children up to the hospital, and it is reported that half a hundred more at the least will be sent up to the hospital this week. Ware and other parts adjoining are reported to be visited, wherefore the children coming out of a fresh into a closer air will not only endanger the whole number of children, officers, and their families in the hospital, which all last year was clear, but also the whole city. Pray that the children may have their abidance as they formerly had, otherwise petitioners shall not be able to dispose of them but in mean places in the city. [*1 p.*]

May 19.
Inner Star
Chamber.

146. Order of Council upon the above petition. It was ordered that the president and governors of the hospital should send back the children to their nurses, and that the justices of peace, where the nurses dwell, shall be required to permit the nurses to keep the children as formerly. If inconvenience grow to Ware or other places the justices are to represent the same to the Board. No children are to be sent into the country who have mothers that run

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up and down to them, but justices of peace and other officers are required to forbear to send up any more children without consent of the governors of the hospital. [Draft. 3 pp.]

May 19.

147. Order of Council. Recites petition of George Price, who complained that being at the entreaty of Henry Blackall, late soapmaker, bound with him in a bond of 1,000*l.* in consideration of 300*l.* per annum to be paid to Blackall by the new corporation of soapmakers to forbear his trade of making soap and do them service therein, Blackall died within a year after, without being questioned for breach of his said bond, but petitioner is sued thereon in the Exchequer. This complaint being referred to Mr. Gage, governor of the company of soapmakers of Westminster, he returned answer that Blackall failed of his undertaking, which was to vent a great quantity of soap, and never demanded any part of his pension. It was ordered that the Attorney-General cause the suit in the Exchequer against petitioner to be stayed, and he to be freed of the same. [Draft. 1½ p.]

May 19.

148. Petition of William Nead, archer, and William Nead, his son, to the Council. Petitioner William Nead the elder, being an ancient archer and practitioner in the exercise of arms, and finding recorded renowned victories obtained by the use of the bow, and observing that the pikemen stand but as a mark for the enemy's shot, petitioner therefore by long practice with an invention has produced a way to fasten the bow to the pike, whereby every pikeman is enabled to offend the enemy far off or near at hand, which warlike service by petitioner was presented to the King, who gave direction that it should be exercised in the Artillery Garden of London. Petitioner also presented the same to a committee of Parliament in the first year of his Majesty's reign, by whom it was debated and approved. It was also presented to the council of war, and performed before his Majesty by 300 of the Artillery Company in St. James's Park, and since his Majesty, in person, has exercised the same, and declared his approbation thereof in a proclamation wherein he has commanded the general exercise thereof. For the advancement thereof divers lord lieutenants have directed letters to their deputy lieutenants, who have well approved petitioner's faithful service therein. Petitioners pray the countenance and favour of the Council for advancement of this service, and that such rewards may be conferred on those employed therein as shall encourage them to perform the same. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

148. I. *The Lords pray the Lord Lieutenants, members of the Council Board, if they approve of petitioner's proposition, to return certificate to the Board, that further course may be taken. The Inner Star Chamber, 19th May 1637. [½ p.]*

May 19.

149. Petition of Henry Dewell, Surveyor-General of Highways, to the same. Directions have been given both by King James

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and our present Sovereign for repairing the highways according to statute, but the same have of late been much neglected and are become impassable in divers places. Many parishes have not done half their work for years together by reason that poor men are chosen surveyors who are ignorant of that service and also stand in fear of their neighbours' displeasure, so that they dare not present them according to statute. Prays power by your warrant to question the surveyors of the several parishes (where his Majesty shall resort) and where reformation is not had, that a messenger may be appointed to bring such defaulters before the Council as petitioner shall find. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 19.

150. Henry Dewell to the Council. Whereas you require your petitioner to give a particular note of parishes and offenders in neglect of the highways, petitioner hears of the offences wheresoever he goes, but for want of power he cannot discover the particulars. Kingston, Walton-upon-Thames, and Stepney especially have been exceedingly remiss. If your suppliant had power he would soon give an account of the particulars and offenders' names. [1 p.]

May 19.

151. Order of Council upon the above petition of Henry Dewell. It was ordered that Dewell should require the officers of places where he shall see occasion to have the highways repaired, to repair the same by Bartholomew's Day next, which if they shall refuse or neglect he is to acquaint the Board therewith, that further order may be taken. [*Draft.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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The Hague.

152. Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia to Archbishop Laud. I am glad to find you so much satisfied with my answer about the mistake of your letter. I entreat you to continue your confidence of me. I am sorry that the news was not true concerning the signing of the French treaty, which I wish were well done, that the King might give a good answer to the Sweden's propositions, for I believe they are the men we shall have most reason to trust. I am glad the King will not give the title of Emperor to the King of Hungary; the French king professes not to do it, and the States have not done it. I have not yet received the King's answer concerning the title of vicar of the empire. For the fishing I am glad you are satisfied with what I said. I find here that they are reasonably well satisfied with the hopes they have of it. Thanks for his books. I like the trimming and binding of them very well. The Prince of Orange is preparing to go into the field. I mean to send my third son, Maurice, with him, to learn that profession which I believe he must live by. It is so extreme hot as I never saw the like in this country, and the oldest here say they never remember the like. [*Two seals with arms.* $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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153. Sir Philip Parker, Sheriff of Suffolk, to the Council. Certificate showing how the 8,000*l.* charged upon that county for ship-money, by the writ of August 1636, is proportioned amongst the

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hundreds, villages, and corporations, and how much is rated upon the clergy. [16½ pp.]

May 19.

154. Receipt of Sir William Russell, for 16*l.* 5*s.* paid by Nicholas Farmer on behalf of Thomas E[*l*]phick, bailiff of Seaford, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon Sussex by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 19.

155. Petition of John Giffard, saltpetreman, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner's works being now settled at Hereford, and his servants at work in the country adjacent, Humphrey Berington, of Bishopstone, when two of petitioner's servants had made a load of liquor ready to be sent to the boiling house, on the 10th inst., caused a servant of his, called Black Harry, to throw down all the tubs, to break some of them, and to spill all the liquor; and afterwards, his Majesty's commission being shown to him and satisfaction requested, he obstinately refused. Petitioner being now in London attending on the Lords, his servant has come above 100 miles to certify the truth, as appears by the annexed affidavit. Mr. Berington being a man of worth in the country, by whose example others are encouraged, petitioner prays that he may be sent for, and order taken that his Majesty's service in petitioner's charge may go on again, and that Mr. Berington may satisfy petitioner his loss. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.] *Annexed,*

155. I. *Affidavit of John May, servant to John Giffard. Depose: to the facts above stated. The loss to his master was 50*l.* John Roberts, deponent's fellow servant, has also come up on purpose, and will also affirm the facts stated by deponent. Sworn this day before Sir Edward Salter.* [1 p.]

May 20.
Westminster.

156. Warrant to pay to the Lady May 5,000*l.* due to her from the King. [*Strip of parchment. 10 lines.*]

May 20.

157. Petition of Robert Viscount Belhaven to the King. 1. Prays the King to perfect an agreement made with him by his Majesty, the Duke of Buckingham, and the late Marquis of Hamilton for payment to him of 5,000*l.* in lieu of his pension of 1,000 marks a year. 2. In the reign of King James Lord Belhaven built half the lodge of Richmond Park, and the keeper's lodge wholly, at the cost of 763*l.*, which the late King allowed and gave him the making of a baronet by way of payment, but because he could not have at that time above 250*l.* for that dignity, the late King referred him for satisfaction to his present Majesty, then prince, at his return from Spain; this sum he has not yet received. 3. His Majesty gave order to Attorney-General Heath to prepare a grant to the Viscount of 800*l.* per annum for 21 years, which grant his Majesty bestowed upon him of his free bounty for his better maintenance, which as yet is not performed. Desires that, in regard of petitioner's present debts, his Majesty would consider some present composition to be given

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him upon resignation of his interest in these demands. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
Underwritten,

157. I. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington to consider the demands and pretences of petitioner, and to treat with him for a composition, and then to certify his Majesty. Whitehall, 20th May 1637. [8 lines.]*

157. II. *Lord Treasurer Juxon and Lord Cottington to Sir Robert Pye. To certify what moneys Lord Belhaven has received since his Majesty's access to the crown. 9th June 1637. [3 lines.]*

157. III. *Report of Sir Robert Pye. Sir Robert Douglas, now Lord of Belhaven, has received out of the Exchequer since his Majesty's accession, besides his pension of 666l. 13s. 4d. per annum and his fee for keeping his Majesty's house and park at Richmond, 7,000l. by virtue of two privy seals, one dated 5th August 1625, being for 2,000l. for acceptable services done to his Majesty, and the other dated 25 June 1630, for 5,000l. in consideration of long and acceptable services. [1 p.]*

157. IV. *Lord Treasurer Juxon and Lord Cottington to his Majesty. Report the particulars stated by Sir Robert Pye, and leave the same to his Majesty's great wisdom. [1 p.]*

May 20.

158. Sir Richard Hutton, Sir George Vernon, and Sir Robert Berkeley to the Council. Report on matters in difference between the Earl of Dover and the Commissioners of Sewers touching the dam belonging to the Earl's mill, parcel of his manor of Conisborough, co. York. A petition was heretofore exhibited to the Commissioners of Sewers by Samuel Savile on behalf of the inhabitants of Mexborough, upon pretence that the same mill-dam about 20 years since had been raised. After a view and debate in a sessions of sewers, the matter was, on the 7th November last, respited till the next sessions. But the next morning seven of the same commissioners without any new hearing, because the Earl's servant who attended the business would not undertake that no *certiorari* should be sued forth to remove the cause, presently made a decree for abating the mill-dam. We finding the same decree to be unwarrantable, the matter having been before adjourned to another session, hold fit that it should be suppressed and no use be made thereof in any court of justice. We also think fit that Mr. Savile or other the inhabitants of Mexborough, if they find cause, shall bring their action at law against the Earl of Dover, to which his lordship assents to appear gratis and plead the general issue, so as the matter may receive a trial by jury. [1 p.]

May 20.
Winchester.

159. Dr. Edward Burby, Archdeacon of Winchester, to the same. I have made inquiry of the minister and inhabitants of St. Thomas in Winchester, whether Anne Fidden with her children frequent

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their parish church, as certified (*see the 10th inst., No. 181*), and have found that she with three of her youngest children do, but that her two elder children have been taken off from the church by their father, and it is to be feared that he will seduce the rest. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 20. Middle Temple. 160. Richard Lane, Attorney-General to Prince Charles, to Nicholas. The order [for the repair of the harbour of Plymouth] may proceed as well to Saltash as Plymouth, especially the matter having been so examined. Nevertheless I shall write to the mayor of Saltash that if he has anything to say for himself or his corporation he may be heard at the beginning of next term, which will be before the book can pass according to the order. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 20. 161. Petition of James Batty, parson of St. Vedast, *alias* St. Foster's church, in Foster's Lane, London, to Archbishop Laud. There were some eight or nine small tenements given in the days of Henry VIII. in trust to the parson and churchwardens of St. Vedast's for the ornaments of the said church. The churchwardens and some of the parishioners, to save their own purses in other payments, let the said houses by their own authority and the multitude of suffrages in a vestry, in the absence of the parson and against his consent; also refusing the approbation of the ordinary, Sir John Lambe. By reason whereof the counter paines [counterparts] of the leases of the said houses are lost, the church is much prejudiced, and petitioner slighted. Beseeches the archbishop of his accustomed blessed goodness and care for the church and for poor conformable ministers to take order for redress. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

161. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to call the parties before him and make some fair and peaceable agreement if he can, or else to give an account where the fault lies, that further course may be taken by the High Commission Court or otherwise.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 20. 162. Bond of Benjamin Blaxton, of Midhurst, clerk, Francis Willoughby, of Dartmouth, gentleman, William Hewlet, of St. Dunstan's in the West, London, merchant tailor, and Roger Meverell, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, haberdasher, to the King in 500*l.*, with condition that Blaxton shall stand to such decree as the Court of Requests shall make in the cause between Elizabeth Bull and himself. [1 p.]

May 20. 163. Estimate of the Officers of the Navy for repair of the graving dock at Chatham, which is so decayed on both sides that it is in danger of blowing up the whole dock, as also for making the returned wharfs at the end of the graving dock. Total, 1,021*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* [2 pp.]

May 20. 164. Note by Nicholas. Jerome Thornton, Ralph Wheatley, Gabriel Easenwood, Jeffrey Baker, and Richard Ellis were to attend the Lords on Tuesday next, having built to the annoyance of the Earl of Salisbury in a lane leading from Covent Garden to the upper end of St. Martin's Lane. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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May 20. 165. Account rendered by Sir William Russell of ship-money received and remaining outstanding upon writs issued in August 1636. Total received, 112,886*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*; remaining 83,713*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* unpaid. [1 *p.*]
- May 20. 166. Account of ship-money levied under writs issued in October 1636, and remaining in the sheriffs' hands, being 23,613*l.*, and making with the 112,886*l.* paid as above 136,499*l.* as the total sum collected. [1 *p.*]
- May 20. 167. Account by Sir William Russell of ship-money remaining unpaid upon writs issued in August 1635. Total, 9,500*l.* 16*s.* 11½*d.*, of which it is stated in a note by Nicholas that 142*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.* had been paid this week, and that there were to be deducted 800*l.* remitted to Bristol, and 2,000*l.* to Northumberland, which with other allowances reduced the arrear to 6,036*l.* [1 *p.*]
- May 20. 168. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 42*l.* paid by Richard Jones on behalf of John Price, bailiff of New Radnor, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon South Wales by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

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May 21. 1. Order of Council. The bailiff of Westminster having represented Whitehall. to the Board that he finds the matter concerning the defaulters towards ship-money for the last year so involved with the former year, through the remissness of his deputy, as he cannot sever the same, it was ordered that the Attorney-General cause writs of *certiorari* to be issued to the bailiff to certify the names of defaulters in Westminster, as well in the former as in the last year's payment, and the bailiff upon receipt of such *certiorari* is forthwith to make return into the Petty Bag. [*Draft.* ½ *p.*]
- May 21. 2. Order of the King in Council. The answer of John Lucas, Whitehall. sheriff of Essex, to a complaint against his proceedings in rating the ship-money presented by some of the nobility and gentry of that county, was this day read. Therein the sheriff declared the course he held in making the said assessment, and the care he took to ease the poorer sort of people, wherewith that county abounded, whereby the assessment lay something the more upon the abler sort. His Majesty observing that through the industry of the sheriff the whole county was now assessed, excepting only two parishes, which never was so before, declared that he perceived by the sheriff's prudent ordering of the assessment he had expressed a very good affection both to the service and to his country, for which he deserved double thanks; and the sheriff being called in by his Majesty's especial command, he had approbation and encouragement given him to proceed with cheerfulness to assess and levy the money of all men within his shrievalty for the lands and abilities for which they are not assessed elsewhere, and

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that he shall not fail therein to receive both countenance and assistance from the Board. [*Copy.* 1½ p.]

May 21.
Whitehall.

3. Order of the King in Council upon the difference between the Dean and Chapter of Winchester and the Mayor of that city concerning the assessment for ship-money. It was ordered that what has been by the mayor levied from any persons belonging to the said church shall be repaid, and that the 20*l.* paid by the dean and chapter to the sheriff of that county shall be taken off from the city. Touching the extent of the several jurisdictions of the church and city, it was ordered that the further hearing shall be put off till the first Sunday in next term, when all the parties are to attend his Majesty and the Lords. Lastly, it being alleged that the city went about to renew their charter, to the prejudice of the church, it was ordered that the Attorney-General shall take care that the charter for the city shall not be renewed till the charter for the church be passed the Great Seal. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 21.
Whitehall.

4. The like Order. Recites petition of Sir John Stowell, calendered under date of 12th May inst., No. 8. Sir John complained of the conduct of Sir Robert Phillips and William Hooper, his servant, in reference to the assessment of ship-money for the hundred and parish of Tintinhull, co. Somerset, and also that Sir Robert had caused his son to deny payment of rates for his demesnes in Sock-Dennis in the same county, worth 500*l.* per annum, endeavouring thereby to throw the charge upon the rest of the hundred. Upon hearing, it appeared by a letter written by Edward Phillips, son of Sir Robert, to the sheriff, that he did not deny payment towards the ship-money, but only refused to pay with the hundred of Tintinhull, his land being exempt from that hundred, and offered to pay whatever sum the sheriff should hold 500*l.* per annum fit to bear, over and above the 130*l.* laid upon the hundred; which answer his Majesty and the Council took as an assured argument of Mr. Phillips's good affection to the service, deserving a far better interpretation than petitioner's complaint gave it; therefore it was ordered that Mr. Phillips's demesnes in Sock-Dennis shall not be rated as parcel of the hundred of Tintinhull, till it shall by law be so adjudged. As concerning the other charge against Sir Robert Phillips and the constable, the same was esteemed altogether frivolous, and Sir John Stowell and Sir Robert Phillips being called to the Board, it was declared to them that his Majesty found just cause to acquit Sir Robert Phillips of all the complaint, and that if Sir John Stowell had not otherwise well deserved by his former carriage in his Majesty's service, his Majesty would not so easily have passed it by. As concerning the constable, it was ordered that Sir John Stowell shall pay his charges as having causelessly troubled him; and lastly his Majesty's command was laid upon Sir John Stowell and Sir Robert Phillips, requiring them to lay aside these ways, and so to moderate their passions as that they failed not to join together in the service of his Majesty and the country, and whosoever of them shall give the first provocation,

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or make complaint without cause, his Majesty was resolved by severe punishment to make him an example to others. [*Draft.* 3 pp.]

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5. The Council to Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells. The complaint of the inhabitants of the hundred of Bruton and Norton-Ferris, co. Somerset, about their unequal rating to the ship-money, being formerly referred to the judges of assize, they not settling the same, petitioners have renewed their suit to the Board, showing their inability to pay so great a sum as 320*l.*, when by right they ought to have been charged but with 213*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* We have thought it good to pray your Lordship, John Malet, the late sheriff, and William Bassett, now sheriff, to settle the same according to his Majesty's writ, it being the King's pleasure that no place be favoured to the prejudice of another, but if you cannot settle the same, to certify in whom the fault remains. [*Draft.* 1½ p.]

May 21.

6. The same to the same. The inhabitants of the hundred of Milverton, co. Somerset, complained that in the time that Mr. Hodges was sheriff, being assessed at 80*l.* towards the ship-money, they willingly collected and paid the same, as also 80*l.* more, to Mr. Bassett, now sheriff, for their rate towards the last year, yet the said present sheriff commands them to levy 80*l.* more, being double as much as ever was paid. We pray you to call before you the petitioners and others and settle the same, or certify the Board the true state of that business, with your opinions as to what is best to be done. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 21.

7. The same to the same. The inhabitants of the hundred of Chewton, co. Somerset, were by Mr. Hodges, late sheriff, assessed towards the ship-money at 160*l.*, whereof they paid 143*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*, yet long after his time of shrievalty was out he altered the rates, and inserted in his accounts 80*l.* more to be paid by petitioners, notwithstanding that by all ancient rates the hundred stands charged but with 160*l.*, which petitioners have fully paid to Mr. Malet, and desire that they may be freed from payment of the said 80*l.* We pray you to call before you these parties, and compose the matter, or certify the truth of the particulars, and especially whether the assessment was altered by Mr. Hodges after the expiration of his shrievalty, and in whom the fault remains. [*Draft.* 1½ p.]

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Draft, cancelled Order, or intended Order of Council upon which the above letter was founded. Probably the letter was substituted for this intended order. [*See Vol. ccclvi., No. 109.* ¾ p.]

May 21.
Whitehall.

8. Order of Council upon several petitions presented by divers justices of peace and other inhabitants of the three hundreds of Chiltern, co. Buckingham, complaining of an unequal tax for ship-money. It was ordered that the petitioners and such of the justices

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of peace of the hundreds of the Vale as are in town, together with the sheriff, shall attend the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and with his advice agree upon what has been the most usual rate according to which the hundreds in that county may be assessed towards the ship-money with most equality, and to certify the same. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 21. 9. The Council to William Earl of Derby. Recite the petition of Roger Anderton relative to the tithes of Childwall, co. Lancaster, calendared under the 10th inst., with the reference to Lord Strange and his reply, calendared under the 18th inst. We pray your lordship either to give petitioner satisfaction by agreeing with him without suits in law, or to appoint some one to attend our sitting in the Star Chamber on the 23rd of June, at which time we have appointed to hear the said differences. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 21. 10. Petition of divers baymakers of Coggeshall, Braintree, and Bocking to the Council. In all thankfulness to his Majesty and the Lords for their audience and care towards petitioners, they show that, according to the Lords' command to Robert Oxwick, petitioners treated with him what he could do with their debts of 2,300*l.*, of which they are in such great want to supply with work the poor people who depend upon them (*see* previous petition of these petitioners on the 4th inst., No. 67). His answer was that he could not promise anything at all as yet. His resolution seems to be not only that the Lords' order should not prevail with him, but that he will rather proceed in a way to defeat petitioners because they have complained. State various facts as "the causes of these suppositions," and pray redress. [1 p.]

May 21. 11. Order of the King in Council upon the above petition. That Whitehall. Robert Oxwick shall give satisfaction to the said baymakers for the debt owing by him within one month, and shall presently give security not to convey away his estate to defeat the said poor men, or else that his protection royal for so much as concerns them shall be dissolved, and it shall be free for them to take their course against him according to law. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 21. 12. The Council to the Marshal of the Admiralty or his Deputies. The Increase, of London, Robert Lees master, is going to sea, notwithstanding she has been seized to the King's use and is questioned in the Exchequer by information to be tried next term. Require you to make stay of the said ship until the trial be past or Lees has given good caution for the value of her. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 21. 13. Minute for entry on the Council Register of the appearance of Giles Randall, curate of Easton, co. Huntingdon. He is to remain in the messenger's custody until discharged. [$4\frac{1}{2}$ lines.]

May 21. 14. Sir Leventhorpe Franke and Dame Lucy his wife, late wife of London. Sir Allen Apsley, to the Council. According to the Lords' order of the 17th May (*see* calendar of 17th May, No. 119. I.), we certify that

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desire is that the annuity paid to Sir John St. John for the use of the children may be hereafter paid over by Sir John St. John to Allen Apsley, eldest son of Sir Allen, by the respondent, Dame Lucy, he being assisting in the oversight and education of the younger children. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 21.
Sion House.

15. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to the Lords of the Admiralty. By the enclosed abstract of a letter from Sir John Pennington you will receive information of an affair which requires your direction. By the bearer, the master of the *Industry*, now in his Majesty's service, you will be likewise advertised of another accident, wherein I conceive it requisite some order be speedily taken. The sooner you declare your pleasure therein the more you will oblige the "interested" parties. I by letter to Sir John Pennington yesterday gave him order to send the vessels rescued by Captain Popham into Dover, to cause the fish to be unladen, to command that the Dunkirkers be imprisoned, and the English belonging to those barks to remain there till further order. This morning I received another letter from Sir John Pennington, and send a transcript of as much as concerns the two Yarmouth men. [1 p.] *Endorsed,*

15. I. *Sir John Pennington to the Earl of Northumberland.* Capt. Popham is come in this morning with two sail of Northseamen, which belong to Yarmouth, that a Dunkirk frigate had taken near Dieppe. Popham being at Dieppe, and hearing of the capture, rescued them, but the man-of-war got away and has carried the masters and the most of the men with him for Dunkirk, and we have nine of their men here in the place of them. Desires to know what shall be done with them and likewise with the barks, for if the fish be not suddenly landed it will be spoiled. Sends inventory of both the barks, with the names of the men, as also of those of the Dunkirk frigate. Capt. Popham has done a very good piece of service herein, and deserves to be thanked. *The Swiftsure in the Downs, 17th May 1637.* [Abstract. 1 p.]

15. II. *The same to the same.* Last night the *Swan* frigate returned from Dunkirk and brought the two masters of the *Northseamen* and the rest of their company, and now they press hard for their discharge, alleging that their little stock of fish will be spoiled by close packing in the hold. Desires resolution herein, as also what shall be done with the nine Dunkirkers, for they are earnest for their discharge, and especially now the others are sent home; but their cases are not alike, for if his Majesty will have his subjects to have a free trade in his own seas (as he pleases to term them), then those that molest them are liable to question. *Aboard the Swiftsure in the Downs, 20th May 1637.* [1 p.]

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May 21.
Sion House.

16. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Nicholas. Because it may perhaps be long before the Lords Commissioners meet, and some of these poor men [mentioned in the preceding letter] may in the meantime suffer, I desire that you would speak with some of the Lords, that course be taken to punish such as are faulty, and that the others may be restored to their liberty. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 21.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. Thomas Kettleby. On the death of Sir Beverley Newcomen the Lords have appointed him captain and admiral of the Swallow for this present employment; he is required to take the command not only of her but of all other ships employed for guard of the coast of Ireland. [*Minute. Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 25. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

May 21. See "Papers relating to Appointments in the Navy."

May 22.
Westminster.

17. Warrant to pay to Abraham Vanderdort 100*l.*, as of the King's free gift and bounty. [*Strip of parchment. 8 lines.*]

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Westminster.

18. The like to pay to Colonel Sir George Fleetwood 200*l.* for a late service by him performed to the King. [*The like. 8 lines.*]

May 22.

19. The Council to the Merchant Adventurers at Hamburg. We formerly wrote to you on behalf of the creditors of Carew Sanders and Robert Awbrey, requiring you to call before you all his Majesty's subjects residing at Hamburg that were indebted to them, and to cause the money to be paid to George Knight, merchant, for the use of himself and the rest of the creditors. You calling before you W. Gore, a member of that company and a partner with Sanders and Awbrey, he promised to appoint a friend in London to join with the creditors to peruse his accounts, and to pay what should be due, but the party named by Gore had refused to perform anything promised by Gore. We require you to call for Gore and command him to bring into court the books of account perused by the committee appointed for satisfying William Williams, a pretended creditor, out of the estate of Sanders and Awbrey, and to admit George Stampell and Thomas Seracold to observe the proceedings and see the said books sealed up and sent over hither to commissioners appointed under the Great Seal; and also to afford the bearer, Thomas Seracold, assistance in serving upon Gore the Privy Seal, wherein he is commanded to repair to England to answer for his unjust dealing with the creditors. You are further to call before you William Williams, and cause him to pay back for the creditors of Sanders and Awbrey moneys obtained by him out of the hands of the said Gore or otherwise belonging to Sanders and Awbrey, which if he refuse to do you are to see the Privy Seal served upon him as upon Gore. [*Draft. 2 pp.*]

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20. The same to Sir Laurence Hyde, Sir Thomas Gorges, Sir Walter Smyth, Sir Henry Ludlow, Sir John Evelyn, and the rest of the Justices of Peace for Wilts. Recite letter of the Lords of 30th June

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1636, whereby the persons addressed were required to give order for carriage of 500 loads of timber for the service of the navy from Titchfield Park to the waterside at Pharam [Fareham] quay, both in Hants. We are informed that you have done nothing therein, but have showed a great deal of unwillingness to perform this service. If you redeem not the time past you may expect to be called before the Lords to answer your contempt. For better performing the service you are to take directions from James Robins, one of his Majesty's purveyors. [*Draft.* $1\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

May 22. 21. The Council to ——. Mr. Conry, on whose behalf we wrote to you on 26th March last, being desirous to have a final end of his long suit, has desired to have it solely referred to your Lordship. We have granted his request, and pray you not only to settle the same, but out of the composition to cause such moneys as his agent shall desire to be returned hither for payment of his debts in England. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 22. 22. Minute of a pass from the Council for Sir Thomas Lucas, captain of a troop of horse, to go into the Low Countries, taking with him his lady, his brother Charles Lucas, cornet, and their servants. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 22. 23. Memoranda written by Nicholas relative to the ship-money in the hundred of Chewton, in co. Somerset, endorsed upon the commencement of an order of the Lords of the Admiralty, dated London House this day. The sum charged upon Chewton upon the writs issued in 1636 was 240*l.*, whereof J. Mog levied 130*l.*, and Bury, the other constable, was to levy 110*l.* The latter was charged with having levied more than he ought to have done. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 22. 24. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of London House. the Admiralty. Treat with the East India Company for buying their saltpetre. Consider Joseph Peleche's petition, being a servant of the Emperor of Morocco, who has saltpetre. Matthew Anderton, judge of the Admiralty of co. Chester, desires an answer to his petition, being for his Majesty's service. Appoint a day for considering the certificate concerning Mr. Evelyn's business. Two Dutch mariners attend, being come out of Ireland. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 22. 25. Sir John Pennington to Nicholas. No ships come from the The Downs. southward, but some expected hourly. Then I hope to have some good tobacco for you. I received a packet last night from our Lord General for Capt. Kettleby's coming up to receive directions for his new charge; Capt. Murray is to come down in his place. He mentions not who shall come into the Bonaventure. He writes that he resolves to come down by sea, and therefore has stayed all the ships to come along with him, but I believe there is something else in it, that is not fit for me to know. I am told that Sir Henry Mainwaring rides yet rear-admiral. I should gladly know who shall have the place and what will become of the Prince Elector's

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business. Those of Flanders have taken from the French the castle of Ardres, a place of very great consequence, for now they may come up to the walls of Calais. The Spaniards have likewise a very great army at St. Jean de Luz, where they have fortified strongly. This will put the French much to it this summer if the Hollanders' army does not divert them. If the riddle be untied let me know the reason of this long stay. [*Seal with arms. 2 pp.*]

May 22.
The Mint.

26. Sir William Parkhurst to Sir Ralph Freeman and Sir Thomas Aylesbury, Masters of Requests. I sent the Council's letter to Vincent Cranfield, who answered that he would search his trunks for the standard pieces, but they were in the country, wherefore he desired time. Since I have spoken with him, and his answer was that the Lord Treasurer was made acquainted with the business, and he hoped he had received satisfaction. P.S.—At the last trial of the pix in February the Lords wrote to Mr. Cranfield to deliver to the warden of the Mint the indented trial pieces for the gold and silver moneys, those in the Mint being wasted with often assays. After many delays Mr. Cranfield's answer to Sir William Parkhurst was as above. The Lord Treasurer had said that he could take no satisfaction, for the letter was written from the whole Board, and the having these trial pieces is now more necessary than before. [*1 p.*]

[May 22 ?]

27. Sir William Widdrington, Sheriff of co. Northumberland, to Nicholas. Finds a great deal of trouble in assessing the ship-money, by the inequality of the book of rates. Divers lands not rated at all, and those that are very unequally. Great part of the county before the union of the kingdoms was of very small value, but is now improved, yet continues in the book of rates as formerly. The demesnes are generally rated very low, and the towns very high, which makes the greatest burden to be upon the poorer sort, most of whom hold by lease and have no relief from their landlords. The service is not only delayed by the tediousness in rating, but the better sort are backward to pay by reason of the disproportion, and most of the meaner sort are so overcharged as they are not able to pay. Desires that course may be taken for rectifying the book of rates. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

May 22.

28. Appointment by the Lord Treasurer, Lord Cottington, and Sec. Windebank, referees of a petition of Hugh Morrell and Charles Snelling, to hear the same on the 1st June next. [*3 lines.*] *Written above the said appointment,*

28. I. *Petition of Hugh Morrell and Charles Snelling to the King. Upon the late difference between the King and his brother the French King, the sum of 7,600l. belonging to petitioners was seized at Rouen, for satisfaction whereof a similar embargo was laid upon goods of French subjects in England. Petitioners with their families, being ruined and forced to escape out of France for their lives, became suitors to the King for relief. The*

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examination of their case being referred to Sir Henry Marten, he reported that their losses ought to be satisfied out of the French goods. Sir Henry's report being referred to the Lord Treasurer, petitioners, after five years' delay, were enjoined to find out some way which might not trench on the King's occasions at that time for moneys. Petitioners suggested an improvement of the revenue on sea coals transported into foreign parts, which was approved by the King, the payment of petitioners' debt being confirmed out of the same. But the Lord Treasurer leaves the King's debt to petitioners unpaid, wherefore they pray a reference to the Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer, the Earl of Arundel, the Lord Privy Seal, Lord Cottington, Sec. Windebank, and others of the Council to report their opinion. [1½ p.]

28. II. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer, the Earl Marshal, Lord Cottington, and Sec. Windebank to advise on some course for petitioners' satisfaction. Whitehall, 30th March 1637. [¼ p.]*

28. III. *Appointment of the Lord Treasurer, Lord Cottington, and Sec. Windebank to hear this business on the 28th April 1637. Dated 19th April 1637. [4 lines.]*

May 22. 29. *Receipt of Sir William Russell for 400*l.* paid by William Beale on behalf of Sir Rice Rudd, sheriff of co. Carmarthen, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged on South Wales by writ of 12th August last. [¾ p.]*

May 22. 30. *The like for 32*l.* 14*s.* paid by Thomas Pont on behalf of John Abbot, mayor of Huntingdon, in part of 2,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [¾ p.]*

May 22. 31. *Minute of request of Henry Hunt, merchant, for a warrant to retain 46 men, whose names are stated, to serve in the Delight, of London, bound for the Straits. [1 p.]*

May 22. 32. *Bill for Mrs. Porter for silk for a gown, petticoat, and waistcoat, with charges for making; total, 2*l.* 15*s.* [½ p.]*

May 22. 33. *Bond of John Vincent, of London, merchant, in 150*l.* to Robert Cambell, alderman of London, conditioned for payment of 100*l.* at the office of assurance in the Royal Exchange on the 2nd February 1638-9. [Strip of parchment. 14 lines.]*

May 22. 34. *Similar bond of Thomas Skynner, leatherseller, of London, conditioned for payment of 100*l.* on the same day. [The like. 14 lines.]*

May 22. 35. *Estimate for repair of the fortifications at Harwich and Land-guard Fort; total, 2,630*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* [2 pp.]*

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- May 22. 36. Extracts from the books of the Governor and Company of the New River, of orders made between 25th November 1620 and 9th June 1634, concerning William Lewin, clerk of the Company. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- May 22. 37. Authority given by Joan Salsbery [Salisbury], widow of John Salisbury, one of the Poor Knights of Windsor, for payment to the bearer of money due to her as administratrix of her husband. Attested by Henry Browne, governor of the Poor Knights. [*Imperfect.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- [May 22.] 38. Samuel Cordewell to the Lords of the Admiralty. That such saltpetre as the East India merchants have brought over may be had, for otherwise "my mills must stand still." That he may renew the powder taken out of the Anne. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- May 22. Minute of agreement between the Lords of the Admiralty and London House. Alderman Garraway and others, on behalf of the East India Company, that they shall have 3*l.* 10*s.* per cwt. for the foreign saltpetre they now have, and of a further agreement with Samuel Cordewell that he shall have 4*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* per cwt. for so much of the said saltpetre as he should refine. [*See Vol. ccxcii., p. 48.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- May 22. Order of Lords of the Admiralty on petition of Leonard Cornelison, master, and Hubert Adriaenson, master's mate, of the London House. Hope, which was by Sir Beverley Newcomen carried into Ireland and there stayed upon suspicion of piracy, and a certificate of Sir Henry Marten of the 11th May instant that there is just cause to dismiss the petitioners. It was ordered that petitioners be discharged from further attendance. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 20.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]
- May 22. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. Complaint London House. has been made by some that have bills for money, that the Treasurer of the Navy demurs upon payment of the same. The Treasurer, being called, alleged that the said bills bring him oftentimes into a surplusage upon his account. We pray you that no contracts for provisions be passed, nor any provisions be delivered unless it be for present service, but that said contracts be vouched by three of the Officers of the Navy, the Treasurer being one, and that no bills be rated but at the public meetings and by consent of three of the Officers. The clerk of the stores and clerks of the cheque punctually to observe these directions. [*Ibid.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]
- May 22. 39. Draft of the preceding letter. [1 p.]
- May 22. Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Smith. To bring before the Lords Whitehall. Humphry Berington, of Bishopstone, co. Hereford, and Henry —, alias Black Harry, his servant. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 20 b.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- May 22. The same to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. We approve London House. your directions to Sir John Pennington concerning the preserving

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of the fish. Pray you to order that the English brought into Dover by Captain Popham, with their goods and vessels, be instantly freed, there being no cause to detain them. As for the Dunkirkers we intend to-morrow [morning to speak to the King about them, and wish you would be here at that time to go with us to his Majesty. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 21. ½ p.*]

May 22. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. To cause the London House. Red Lion to be brought about from Chatham to the dry dock at Deptford, there to be repaired and made fit for service. [*Ibid. ½ p.*]

May 22. The same to the same. Understand that the great ship building London House. at Woolwich is almost finished in her carpentry works. You are with the assistance of some of the ablest of his Majesty's shipwrights, some of the masters of the Trinity House, and some of the Shipwrights Company, to take a survey of her hull, and certify her true burthen and dimensions. [*Ibid. 9 p.*]

May 22. Order of Lords of the Admiralty on petition of Joseph Peleche, London House. servant to the King of Morocco, who showed that he shipped at Saphia in Barbary, aboard the Alexander, of London, 35 bags of saltpetre and five serons to be brought to Dover, and thence to be transported into Holland, and that by means of William Clobery, merchant, the said goods are detained in the Custom House of London. Petitioner may take away his saltpetre if there be no other cause for the stay thereof than we are informed of by this petition. [*Ibid., fol. 21 b. ½ p.*]

May 22. The like upon a petition of Matthew Anderton, showing that petitioner being Deputy Vice-Admiral of Cheshire and Lancashire, he and his assistants have received several affronts and hindrances mentioned in a schedule, which is stated at length, and from which it appears that the court held by petitioner was violently opposed by the mayor and corporation of Chester, the tenants of the lords of Saughall and Shotwick, the lords of the manors along the coast, the tenants of Ince, the lords of Hale and Hale Bank and along that coast to Liverpool, the mayor and corporation of Liverpool, Mr. Blundell, of Ince, for his tenants in Formby, the lord of Bold for North Meols, the lord of Rossall, and the water-bailiff of the Duchy of Furness. We desire Sir Henry Marten to take order herein according to justice, or to certify what he conceives fit for us to do. [*Ibid. 1½ p.*]

May 22. Lords of the Admiralty [to Officers of the Navy]. We have London House. appointed Anthony Stephens to the place of surgeon for all seamen and others employed about his Majesty's service at Portsmouth harbour. We pray you to enter him accordingly with allowance of his monthly twopences and other perquisites. [*Ibid., fol. 22 b. ¾ p.*]

May 22. The same to Sir Henry Marten. We have appointed Edmond London House. Peirce, bachelor-at-law, to be judge of the Vice-Admiralty of Suffolk, in

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place of Mr. Dade. We pray you to accept Mr. Dade's surrender of his patent, and to cause a new patent to be issued out of the Court of the Admiralty to Mr. Peirce. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii. fol. 22 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

May 22. Minute of Discharge of John Digges, formerly sent for by a warrant, upon his submission and paying the messenger's fees. [*Ibid., fol. 23. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]

May 22. Order of Lords of the Admiralty on petition of Richard Crookes London House. for leave to take the benefit of the law against Peter Filcott, master gunner of the Prince Royal, upon a bond of 280*l.* Filcott is to see this petition and take a course to satisfy petitioner within three months, or else after that time we give petitioner leave to take his course by law. [*Ibid. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

May 22. See "Papers relating to Appointments in the Navy."

May 23. 40. Warrant to pay to James Douglas, brother and administrator Westminster. to Sir George Douglas, deceased, 1,900*l.* for part of Sir George's extraordinary expenses in his late employment as ambassador to the King of Poland and other princes from 1st November 1635 to 16th March 1635-6, which was the time of his death, and likewise 1,000*l.*, being the expense of transporting Sir George's body from Damm in Pomerania to Scotland, there to be interred. [*Strip of parchment. 18 lines.*]

May 23. 41. Warrant to pay to John Garnier 370*l.* for a bedstead and Westminster. other articles of furniture bought by Madam Nurse in France, and sold to the King for the use of his daughter the Princess Mary. [*The like. 10 lines.*]

May 23. 42. Order of Council. Recites petition of John Eyre, Thomas Mansfield, and others, already calendared under date of April 1637, No. 145, whereby petitioners besought the Board that they might have liberty to take a legal course against Thomas Leake, notwithstanding an order for his protection with reference to debts as to which he was a surety for John Conley [Couley?]. The Lords declared that it is noways the intent of the former order that Leake should be free from being sued for his own proper debts, but only for what he stands engaged for Conley. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

May 23. 43. Similar Order. Recites petition of Sir John St. John, Inner Star Chamber. calendared under date of May 17, No. 119, and certificate of Sir Leventhorpe Franke and Dame Lucy his wife, calendared under date of May 21, No. 14. It was ordered that the annuity of 100*l.* in the said petition and certificate mentioned shall be henceforth paid to Allen Apsley for the maintenance of the younger children of Sir Allen Apsley. [*Draft. 2 pp.*]

May 23. 44. The like order. Recites petition of inhabitants of Old Inner Star Chamber. Windsor, showing that all the said inhabitants have by an equal rate maintained the church and poor, and that the keepers of the Great Park, as parishioners, have paid subsidies and taxes, yet

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- now the said keepers, being all gentlemen of quality, refuse to pay these rates, and the parish being rated at 25*l.* towards the ship-money in October last, Sir Thomas Terringham, now deceased, was taxed at 34*s.* 8*d.*, Edward Terringham at 17*s.* 4*d.*, John Terringham at 17*s.* 4*d.*, and William Estwick at 8*s.*, and that all of them, being keepers and several householders in the said park and parish, have refused to pay the same, and petitioners are threatened by the sheriff to have the same levied upon them, wherefore petitioners besought that either the said keepers might pay to church and poor, and also to the ship-money, or else that petitioners might be freed of the ship-money. It was ordered that for what concerns the church and poor the parties complained of are to pay, or otherwise petitioners may take their course by law against them; and as for the ship-money his Majesty has formerly declared that if any keepers of parks make any profit of the same, by letting or otherwise, or if any of the keepers have personal estates, not elsewhere assessed, they are to be assessed towards the shipping, but that they are not to be assessed for the fees they receive from the King. [*Draft.* 1½ *p.*]
- May 23. 45. The Council to the Warden of the Fleet. To receive into his custody Gabriel Easenwood, Jeffrey Baker, and Richard Ellis. [*Draft minute.* ¼ *p.*]
- May 23. The same to the same. To take into his custody John Trenchard. [*Draft minute, written on the same paper as the preceding.* 3 *lines.*]
- May 23. 46. Lord Chief Justices Bramston and Finch and Lord Chief Baron Davenport to the King. Presentative and impropriate parish churches in Ipswich, having no competent maintenance for the ministers, are comprehended within the statute of 13 Eliz., cap. 24, and lands within such parishes may be yearly taxed, by virtue of that statute, for raising reasonable sums for the maintenance of the incumbents of such churches. [⅔ *p.*]
- May 23. 47. Lord Chief Baron Davenport to Mr. Savile. To pay all moneys payable to the Lord Chief Baron out of the Exchequer to his servant, Philip Osborne. [½ *p.*]
- May 23. Lords of the Admiralty to the Attorney-General. To prepare a bill, containing a commission for making saltpetre and gunpowder, to be directed to the Commissioners for the Admiralty and to the Master of the Ordnance. By that commission the same powers are to be given as were contained in a former commission dated 18th April 1634. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 23 b.* ⅓ *p.*]
- May 23. Whitehall. The same to all Admirals, Prestmasters, and others. To free from impressment the Delight, of London, Thomas Harman master, and 45 men therein, under named, bound for the Straits. [*Ibid.* ⅔ *p.*]
- May 24. 48. Sir Thomas Roe to Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia. I write to prepare you for a resolution of affairs which, depending upon France, we expect this week. Letters are to-day come that assure us that the business is concluded to content, and that on Monday last an

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express was to be dispatched with "the authenticques." What more it will contain I know not, but, by judgment, that a general treaty is agreed with secret articles to take life from another at Hamburgh, whither a French ambassador is gone, and it will be expected that his Majesty send thither, for so it was promised by Mr. Berkeley to the Crown of Sweden. From him I received a letter yesterday of the 15th April, relating his slow journey and late arrival at Stockholm, where he found neither Court, Council, nor Chancellor, and could only give account of a rumour that Oxenstiern was to pass into Germany with troops in the end of May. I see no preparation to send to that meeting upon which will depend the fruit of our long treaty with France. It will concern you to urge that an ambassador be "despeeded" thither. If that be done, there is a proposition sent by Col. Ferentz, not fit for me to write, that is the right way to dispose and bring abroad the Prince Elector. I hope you will approve it. If the Swedes surrender to the Prince what they promised by Fleetwood, it will follow that he must have an army, which will hedge in the Landgrave according to the conditions by him offered. If his Majesty will not enable his nephew both for reputation and action, it is not likely that he will give his money to the Landgrave. We hope that the King's bounty shall be extended immediately to the Prince. [*Copy.* 1½ p.]

May 24. 49. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 62*l.* 10*s.* paid by Richard Bentham on behalf of the mayor and jurats of Hastings, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon Sussex by writ of 12th August last. [*2*/*3* p.]

[May 24?] 50. Petition of Edward Thurman, clerk, John Stacy, and Edmund Pakeman to the Council. On complaint that petitioners interrupted the collection of ship-money, petitioners stand committed to the Fleet. Petitioners never intended to offend, and promise ever to assist to the uttermost what shall further his Majesty's service in time to come. The time of infection and blessed feast of Whitsuntide so near, considered, they pray discharge. [*3*/*4* p.]

May 24. 51. The Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London. Recite letters of 15th July last, whereby they took notice of the remissness in the then lord mayor and aldermen in seeing put in execution his Majesty's command for bringing the goldsmiths to seat themselves either in Cheapside or Lombard Street, for which purpose it was required that all other tradesmen should give place unto them. Notwithstanding all which, there are yet a great number of houses of other trades both in Cheapside and Lombard Street, which neglect of his Majesty's command being inexcusable, if speedy care be not taken to see the same duly performed, his Majesty will not pass it by without calling you to account. In the meanwhile all such shops as are not goldsmiths', and have been taken or opened in Cheapside or Lombard Street since our said letters, are to be presently shut up. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

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52. Minute of a pass signed by the Council for Lieutenant Gilbert Coke to go into the Low Countries. [Draft. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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53. The Council to Alexander Easton, one of the messengers of the Chamber. Divers gentlemen that have underwritten in several sums of money as adventurers in the royal fishing forbear to make payment. You are to make repair to the persons under named, and to require them forthwith to make such payment, or, if they refuse, to take them into custody and bring them before us. [The persons named are Ed. Whitby, of Chester, Sir Thomas Aston, of Aston, George Butler, of Ellerton, Richard Buckley, of Beaumaris, Walter Hastings, of Bramson, and W. Stanhope, of Nottingham. Draft. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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54. Minute of entry on the Council Register of the appearance of George Hilton, sent for by a messenger. [Draft. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 24.

Westminster.

55. Sec Windebank to the Judges of Assize for Somerset. Sends by his Majesty's special commandment examinations taken by the Dean of Wells, concerning misdemeanors committed by William Dun the elder, of Winsham, linendraper. The person accused appearing guilty of the charge, you are to take such course for inflicting exemplary punishment publicly upon him as you shall think fit, which his Majesty thinks may better be done there in the country than here in his more eminent courts of justice. [Draft. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 24.

Mincing Lane.

56. Officers of the Navy to Sir John Bankes, Attorney-General. We have examined the purser's book and muster-book of the Great Neptune, employed in his Majesty's service in 1636, by which it appeared that there might have been saved in victuals and wages through the deficiency of men 650*l*. We also sent for Captain Bushell, the owner and victualler of the ship. He excepted against the purser's book, and promised to deliver a perfect book by which the ship was paid, and that the total of the wages of that ship's company would amount to 1,220*l*., but 100*l*. short of the medium, which book he sent accordingly, but in the examination we found it very erroneous, for that 16 men were twice set down and 14 others inserted who did not appear to have been in the service at all, besides many runaways and other accounts of that nature. We do not discern any just exception against the purser's book, and the musters agree therewith. We likewise demanded of the committees of the city the pay-books of the Jonas and True Love, but they have not sent them to us, but by our musters we find that in them there has been saved in the Jonas 200*l*., and in the True Love 90*l*. [Seal with arms. 1 p.]

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Paris.

57. Thomas Windebank to his father, Sir Francis Windebank. I have arrived safely in Paris, where I do not intend to stay longer than to put myself into a little equipage and to repose myself after so wearisome a journey. My quartan [ague] continues still a constant camerade. I have found credit with an English mer-

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chant for 100*l.*, which I beseech you to pay to Edward Ashe in London. [1 *p.*]

May 25. 58. Order of Council. Recites petition of Anne, wife of Richard Fidden, of Winchester, calendared on the 10th inst., No. 181. Her husband, being a Roman Catholic, kept an inn. He was ordered to "put it off" within a fortnight. Petitioner prayed that they might be allowed a year for that purpose. The Lords declared that they should be permitted to keep their inn till Michaelmas next, but ordered Richard Fidden to enter into bond not to keep an inn in Winchester or elsewhere after that time. [*Draft.* 1 *p.*]

May 25. 59. The like Order. Recites report of Sir John Lambe and Dr. Rives that 16*l.* was due to Michael Burton from Sara de Lastre, calendared under 30 April, No. 131, III. It was ordered that the said 16*l.* be paid to Burton out of the moneys that Sara de Lastre is to receive of Mr. Gaultier out of his wages payable in the Exchequer, and hereof Mr. Savile, the teller of the Exchequer, is to take notice. [*Draft.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

May 25. 60. The like Order. Recites petition of Robert Gray, Francis West, John Venn, William Robinson, and others, citizens of London, calendared under date of May 1st, No. 5, praying liberty to attend the fairs at Exeter, Bristol, and West Chester, notwithstanding the prohibition of the magistrates thereof. The Lords conceiving there is no such danger as is pretended by the magistrates, ordered that the petitioners shall be permitted to come with their servants and goods to Bristol and West Chester, and to trade freely after their accustomed manner, provided they bring certificates from the Lord Mayor of London that neither they, their houses, nor families have been for the space of six or eight months infected. The Lord Mayor is prayed to take special care that he give no certificate but to such as he is well assured are free. [*Draft.* 2 *pp.*]

May 25. 61. The like Order. Recites reference made to Mr. Justice Star Chamber. Hutton, Mr. Justice Vernon, and Mr. Justice Berkeley, of a dispute between the Earl of Dover and the Commissioners of Sewers respecting the Earl's raising a dam belonging to his mill in his manor of Conisborough, calendared under date of 10th May inst., No. 166; also the report of the said referees, calendared under date of 20th May, No. 158. The Lords confirmed the recommendations in the report and made an order in the terms thereof. [$2\frac{3}{4}$ *pp.*]

May 25. 62. The like Order on a petition of the Common Burgesses of Star Chamber. Barnstaple complaining of hard measure offered to them by the richer sort of the corporation. It was ordered that as well the mayor and aldermen of Barnstaple as the petitioners shall at the next assizes for that county attend the judges to whom the Lords have referred the hearing and determining of the said complaints. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

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Star Chamber.

63. Order of Council. Recites petition of Otho Stapp, Mayor of Bodmin, complaining of William Stone and John Perryman, calendared under date of 25th January 1636-7, the agreement of all parties to abide by such order as should be set down by Bevill Grenville and John Trefusis, and their certificate, whereby they proposed—1. That Stapp might continue mayor, but during the remainder of his mayoralty should do nothing without the consent of the greater number of the Common Council. 2. That each party should pay its own costs. 3. That Perryman, seeing himself not beloved by many of them, should voluntarily declare that he would no longer interfere with the town business. 4. That Mr. Hoblyn, in respect that his election was not by the greater number of the burgesses, should put himself upon a new election. It was ordered that these particulars should be observed and put in execution. [*Draft. 3 pp.*]

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Inner Star
Chamber.

64. The like Order on petition of Edward Walker, master of the Insurance, desiring leave to transport beyond sea four tons of "campechia" wood brought out of Virginia. Such petition having been referred to the farmers of the Custom House, London, they had reported in favour of the application. It was ordered accordingly. [*1½ p.*]

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Star Chamber.

65. The like Order. The Lords having considered the certificate of Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells, calendared under date of 3rd May instant, No. 54, concerning a declaration of William Strode, of Barrington, co. Somerset, declare that as concerning the difference of the rates lately set upon the tithings of Barrington and Shepton Beauchamp for the business of the shipping, albeit those tithings have heretofore been equal in their payments, yet in regard there are at least 1,000 acres more in Barrington than in Shepton Beauchamp, besides the common there and 200 acres enclosed three years since out of the forest of Roche, the Lords agree that there was good reason to lay 15*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* upon Barrington and but 11*l.* upon Shepton Beauchamp. As concerning Mr. Strode's carriage, it was ordered that he should wait on the bishop and acknowledge his sorrow for the offence which by his inconsiderate words he gave his lordship at his sitting upon the reference from this Board, and should render such further satisfaction as may move his lordship to signify that he is fully satisfied, or otherwise the Lords will proceed further against him. As concerning Strode's excuses and shifts to have freed himself from payment of the rate for ship-money, since it is affirmed by him that he has not only paid his full rate, but also withdrawn all suits concerning the same, the Lords pass that by for the present, but it being certified that the poor man who bought Strode's cow, which was distrained for the ship-money, upon replevin lost his cow, his money, and his charges in suit, it is ordered that Strode shall pay the poor man what he gave for the distress, and also his charges in suit. [*Draft. 2½ pp.*]

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66. Order of Council on petition of Sir William Russell, late sheriff of co. Worcester, complaining that out of a desire to hasten in the ship-money, at the request of Edmond Boylson, late bailiff of Bewdley, Sir William paid 10*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* which Boylson should have collected of several persons whose names he desired might not be returned, yet now Boylson refuses to repay the same. It was ordered that if Boylson shall not within three days after sight hereof pay the said 10*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* he is to attend the Lords on the 20th June next and not depart until further order. [*Draft.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 25.

67. The Council to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth. We send enclosed a petition of Thomas Johnson, an alderman of your town, complaining against John Seaman for raising scandals against petitioner touching employment here at the Board for the town or for the trading he uses in salt. Having observed that Johnson has behaved himself with much diligence in your affairs we have referred the petition to you, requiring you upon examination to take such order as shall seem just. If you find that Seaman has thrown this aspersion upon Mr. Johnson, rather out of a refractory disposition to his Majesty's service than upon just cause, you are to lay some heavier punishment upon him for that particular, or certify this Board and bind him over to appear. [*Draft.* 1½ p.]

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68. The same to Henry Earl of Huntingdon. Upon our letters of the 18th May 1636 you forbore employing Captain Edward Savile, heretofore appointed provost marshal for co. Leicester. Forasmuch as we have seen a certificate subscribed by the Earl of Stamford, Lord Hastings, Sir Henry Skipworth, Sir William Faunt, and others, that the country thinks their moneys well bestowed upon him for looking to sturdy rogues and vagrants, we recommend him to you, and if you find his employment useful, and the inhabitants willing to contribute, then to restore him to his office with such allowance as you shall think fit and the country be content to give. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 25.

Star Chamber.

69. The same to the Sheriff of co. Oxford. We send you a petition of John Godfrey, complaining that Holwell in that county being assessed last year to the shipping at 3*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, the assessors rated him at 16*s.* 5*d.*, and this year had raised him to 25*s.*, which is much beyond his proportion. We pray you, if you find the petitioner to be unequally rated, to order it so that he may have no cause to complain, nor we to be further troubled. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

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Star Chamber.

70. The same to the Sheriff of co. Buckingham. The inhabitants of Choulsbury complain that, having been joined with Drayton Beauchamp, they have paid after a fourth part, not having the tenth part of land, and at a general sessions were referred to William Hakewill, whereupon it was ordered that petitioners should be rated at a tenth. Petitioners desired that the order of sessions might be confirmed by an order of this Board. We pray you to consider the petition and order of sessions, and if you find that there

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is the disproportion alleged, to reduce the rates to the proportion ordered at the sessions, or to certify the Board. [*Draft.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

May 25. 71. The Council to Sir William Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber. To pay to Gowen Burton, Anthony Done, Thomas Martin, and Christopher Hill, 42*l.* for their attendance upon the Prince Palatine's tent the last summer. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

May 25. The same to Robert Taverner, one of the messengers of the Chamber. To fetch before the Lords, Anthony Barrowes, John Wise, Robert Barrowes, and John Chambers, of Cumberland, for having spoken very unbecoming and uncivil language of Lord Cottington. [*Draft, written on the same paper as the preceding article.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 25. 72. The same to the Warden of the Fleet. To set at liberty Gabriel Easenwood and Richard Ellis. [*Draft minute.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 25. 73. Minute of entry on the Council Register of the discharge of Obadiah Coysh and John Sutton, required by Sir Capell Bedell to give information against Giles Randall. [*Draft.* $4\frac{1}{2}$ lines.]

May 25. 74. Dr. William Sammes to Nicholas. Touching persons sent for upon a complaint of the Earl of Bedford for mutinous facts committed in Cambridgeshire. After much pains taken to get the delinquents together, we found them so miserable poor and base that they were not meet to be presented before the Lords. We have committed one of them, who was the first mover of this mutiny, to the prison at Wisbech, who is by her neighbours esteemed a witch, to which opinion the messengers adhere, for they, taking boat near her house, were bitterly accursed by her, and soon after a strong man, the waterman, was stricken with such a lamentable crick in his back that he was constrained to get help. The most part of these rebels live upon the alms of the parish, therefore we thought fit that some exemplary punishment should be inflicted upon them here. I have required the messengers to take bonds of two others who have been gross offenders. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 25. 75. William Brissenden to the same. On Thursday the 18th instant our foremast came to us in the Downs. That night we fully rigged, and the next morning set sail thence. Daily progress from that time to the 25th, when we were thwart Falmouth, with our consort the Expedition. P.S.—I praise God our ship goes exceeding well, surpassing the Expedition. We all conceive no ship that sails can wrong us. [*Seal with crest.* 1 p.]

May 25. 76. Richard Rogers, Sheriff of Dorset, to the same. In my instructions about levying ship-money the Lords commanded me to return a book containing the assessments of clergy and laity within forty days after settling the same. I have been hindered by the difference in the hundred of Sherborne. The Lords have been petitioned by the in and out hundreds, and their last order was that the rates should go as they had done before any order made by the Board;

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but I find there was very great uncertainty, that the rates varied according to the discretion of the raters, and that the parties interested are hard to be brought to conformity. To the end his Majesty's service should have the best furtherance, I have assessed the hundred of Sherborne, and given order for levying all the money, except 20 marks, which makes the difference. My request to you is to acquaint the Lords and desire them to give directions therein. [$1\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

May 25. 77. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 74*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.* paid by Thomas Wigmore, late sheriff of co. Hereford, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 4th August 1635. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 25. 78. The like for 50*l.* paid by Thomas Wigmore on behalf of Richard Scarlett, late bailiff of Leominster, co. Hereford, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county as above mentioned. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 25. Nicholas to John Goodwin. The Lords of the Admiralty give
Whitehall. leave for you to go to your home at Ipswich for three weeks or a month, first acquainting the Officers of the Navy, and appointing some able man to take charge of your business. It is best to go before Midsummer, for about July some of the King's fleet may have occasion to put into Portsmouth. [*Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 149.*]

May 25. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of Ordnance. His Majesty
Whitehall. being resolved that the Swallow and the Ninth Lion's Whelp shall continue upon the coast of Ireland, from whence they are to be rigged, victualled, and furnished, it will be needful to have all provisions there in readiness for them. Pray a certificate of such powder, ammunition, and other provisions as will be needful for them this next year. P.S.—The intention is as if the ships were to be set forth entirely from the office of the Ordnance having no remains of stores, and that the powder should be paid for at 18*d.* per lb., the rate which the King sells for. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 24, $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

May 25. 79. Estimate for furnishing the Swallow and Ninth Whelp, made
Office of Ordnance. out by the Officers of Ordnance in pursuance of the above warrant. Total, 1,662*l.* 5*s.* 3*½d.* [4 pp.]

May 25. 80. Archbishop Laud to Sir John Lambe. Though Isaac Knight
deserve but little favour in regard of his wilful obstinacy and contempt of the Court, yet for his wife's sake, being great with child, I shall be content that he be released upon good bail until she be delivered. He shall do well to advise with sober men, and leave his peevish humour. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 25. 81. Stephen Monins, Mayor of Dover, to Sir John Manwood Lieute-
Dover. nant of Dover Castle, at Augustine [Austin] Friars, in London. I this day received from Rye the enclosed letter from the mayor there, with the medals, reliques, beads, &c., which, with the examination of John

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Boniface, the party that brought the same, I have sent to be showed to one of the Secretaries of State, and order taken concerning the bringer, whom I have stayed until I receive order for his enlargement. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Enclosed,*

81. I. *Richard Cockram, Mayor of Rye, and Joseph Benbrigge, clerk of the passage, to Sir John Manwood. The 24th instant here arrived a passage from Dieppe, with divers passengers, among whom Benbrigge discovered certain written papers with relics, beads, and other superstitious and Romish stuff in the valise of this young man, and by him brought into this realm contrary to law. The young man rendered his name John Boniface, born at St. Omer, whom, with the said stuff, we have sent to you. Rye, 25th May 1637. [1 p.]*

81. II. *Examination of John Boniface, aged 20, taken at Dover, 25th May 1637. Two years past went from St. Omer into France by consent of his mother, his father being dead. About eight days past came from Paris with intent to take shipping for Flanders, in respect of the wars between France and Flanders, and so to return to St. Omer. Certain of the beads and other things are his own, given him in Paris; others were sent from a young French gentleman in Paris to a Capuchin friar in St. Omer, named Lescheine; and the several letters found about him he had at Paris to deliver in St. Omer. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

May 25. 82. Affidavit of Ralph Eltonhead, of Woolwich. He left the possession of the wharf immediately when one of Mr. Smyth's servants first demanded the same by order of 10th March last. Mrs. Burrell's clerk of the ballasting there, has made use of the wharf for ballasting, either for Mrs. Burrell, Mr. Smyth, or some other, without deponent's direction. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 26. 83. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 202*l.* paid by George Cartwright on behalf of Sir William Balfour, Lieutenant of the Tower, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon Middlesex by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 26. 84. The like for 200*l.* paid by Richard Owen on behalf of William Buckley, sheriff of Anglesea, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon North Wales by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 26. 85. The Council to Justices of Peace for co. York. Sir Paul Pindar, farmer of the alum works let to him by his Majesty, which are able to return 1,800 tons per annum, has represented to us that, by reason of the sickness in Sunderland, the magistrates of Whitby and Cotnam, where the coals for that service are unladen, have forbidden all vessels to come thither to unlade coals, by which means it is impossible to make alum to satisfy his Majesty's rent. We pray you to take order, that all whom it may concern suffer the said barks to

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unlade their coals for the use of his Majesty's said farmer, bringing certificate that they have not taken their coals in at any infected place, nor been on shore themselves at Sunderland. [*Draft.* 1½ p.]

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86. The Council to John Earl of Bridgwater, Lord President of Wales. We send copy of a letter from divers justices of peace of co. Pembroke, complaining of Henry Lort for having shipped great quantities of corn in a time of great scarcity; whereupon it was ordered that he should be put out of the commission of the peace. Forasmuch as Mr. Lort alleges that he transported no corn out of the kingdom, but supplied places in England and Wales in time of scarcity, we pray you to recommend the said complaint and petition to the Council of the Marches, who are to return a certificate what they find to be the truth. In the meantime we have suspended our order for putting Mr. Lort out of the commission of the peace. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 26.
Whitehall.

87. Order of the Lords [of the Admiralty]. Many petitions have been presented to us from William Gerrard and Robert Massey, both of Warrington, concerning their pretences to be patentees for vending tobacco in that town. It appears by certificate of Lord Goring and another that Gerrard is the rightful patentee of that town, and that Massey obtained a grant thereof surreptitiously. We order that Massey shall forbear to sell tobacco in Warrington until he shall give better reasons to us. [*Endorsed as being copy of a warrant surreptitiously gotten.* ⅔ p.]

May 26.

88. The Council to all whom it may concern. Sir Charles Harbord, Surveyor-General, with his clerks and servants, being to travel into all parts of this kingdom upon his Majesty's special service, the persons addressed are to take especial care that he may have notice in each town of places lately infected, and that he and his servants may be accommodated in private houses and places clear from infection; also that he be provided with post-horses at prices usual in cases for his Majesty's service. [*Draft.* 1½ p.]

May 26.

89. Minute of the discharge of Giles Randall, curate of Easton, co. Huntingdon, having given his personal appearance within eight days after warning left at his dwelling-house. [*Draft.* 4 lines.]

May 26.

June 5.
Paris.

90. Thomas Windebank to his father, Sec. Windebank. In my last I gave an account of my arrival in Paris. I intend to proceed homeward within 10 days, for I find it excessive chargeable living here, and the times much altered since I was here last. Lord Ambassador Scudamore has visited us at our lodging. Receive not such high honours from the Earl of Leicester, neither from his son. [1 p.]

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June 5.
Paris.

91. Francis Windebank to the same. By your letter received last night, understand your great desire of our haste into England, which we will obey with all diligence, staying at Paris only a very short time to recover a little rest after my brother's long journey. Lord Ambassador Scudamore often invites us to his house. [⅔ p.]

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92. Bond of Richard Fidden, of Winchester, innholder, to the King in 200*l.*, with condition that he shall not keep any inn or victualling house in Winchester or other place after Michaelmas next. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.] *Annexed,*

92. I. *Dr. Edward Burby to Nicholas. Finds Fidden a very obstinate but most ignorant recusant. If the Lords will commit the care of his children to the Bishop of Winchester or the writer, the latter will have them instructed in "our religion."* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 26.

93. The like of Giles Randall, of Easton, co. Huntingdon, curate, in 500*l.*, with condition that within eight days after warning left at his dwelling-house in Easton, he shall make his appearance before the Lords, and give attendance until discharged. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 27.

94. Account by Sir William Russell of ship-money remaining unpaid upon the writs issued in August 1635; total, 9,375*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*, of which Nicholas notes that 124*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.* had been paid this week, besides 100*l.* by Mr. Malet, late sheriff of Somerset, which, with other deductions, reduced the arrears to 6,475*l.* [1 p.]

May 27.

95. Similar account of ship-money received and remaining upon writs issued in August 1636; total received, 125,956*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*; 70,643*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* remaining unpaid. [1 p.]

May 27.

Honington.

96. Sir Edward Hussey, Sheriff of co. Lincoln, to Nicholas. I enclose further informations received from my bailiffs on the 24th instant. On the 25th I received of Mr. Browne 65*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.*, so as there remains of his charge 77*l.* odd. As for Mr. Tilson, although he has a warrant to distrain, which should have been returned the 22nd of this month, he has made no return, neither paid in any moneys. My servant Townsend thinks I certified Mr. Thornton in my letters of the 13th instant that there were 250 persons in Pinchbeck who had not paid; if it be so, make it but 150, for so it should have been engrossed. He also says that you will take care of these affairs, and advertise me of their Lordships' pleasure. [1 p.] *Enclosed,*

96. I. *Sir Edward Hussey to John Branson, one of the chief constables of the wapentake of Aveland, co. Lincoln. To distrain upon persons behind in payment of their ship-money, so that Sir Edward may have the amount paid to him on the 10th instant. William Thorpe and John Goodyear, and other petty constables, are charged to be assisting in the execution of this precept. Dated 5th May 1637. [Copy. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.] Underwritten,*

96. I. i. *Certificate of William Thorpe, that Thomas Burton, constable of Morton, being shown the above warrant and charged to give assistance at Morton, gat himself out of the town. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

96. I. ii. *Certificate of Sir Edward Hussey, that he showed the original of the above warrant to Thomas Burton, and commanded him to be assisting, and that Burton has not paid his own assessment. 7th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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96. II. *Sir Edward Hussey to John Goodyeare. To repair to John Tilson and assist him in the due execution of Sir Edward's warrant of the 10th instant, and certify their doings on the Wednesday then next. Dated 13th May 1637. [Copy. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

96. II. i. *Certificate of Anthony Walker, who, being sent to Tilson on the 12th instant, desired him to cross out the names of those who had paid, and send the sheriff word upon whom he had distrained. He answered he had distrained none. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

96. III. *List of persons in John Tilson's division of co. Lincoln who have refused to pay ship-money, with underwritten certificate of Richard Colbie, that he went to Tilson on the 15th instant, according to the sheriff's warrant, to assist in distraining upon the parties named, but he refused to distrain, and said he knew what belonged to the offices of under-sheriff and chief constable, and would not distrain any. [1 p.] Endorsed,*

96. IV. *Further certificate of Richard Colbie to the same effect as the one calendared above. 15th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

96. V. *Certificate of John Branson and William Thorpe, that Branson having received the above warrant to distrain in his division, appointed Thomas Burton, petty constable, to assist therein on the next day. Branson and Thorpe then attended at Morton to distrain, but Burton was not to be found; whereupon they took one mare of Henry Gamble, who rescued the animal, and Burton being there would not aid. 24th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

96. VI. *Two certificates of John Goodyeare, that in pursuance of a warrant from the sheriff on 13th instant he went to Leonard Browne with Richard Colbie, one of the chief constables of the wapentake of Elloe. Colbie offered their assistance in distraining, but he declined it. Further, that on the 17th instant he said he would have no more distrained. [= $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

96. VII. *Further certificates of Richard Colbie and John Goodyeare, with the names of various persons whom they would have distrained, but they were restrained by Tilson and Browne; and certificate also of Leonard Townsend, that William Official, chief constable, being commanded by the sheriff to distrain, answered that he would not, for he was already sued for distraining by Lord Say. [2 pp.]*

May 27. 97. *Minute of a pass from the Council for Sheffield Warwick to travel during three years. [Draft. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

May 27. 98. *Certificate of Thomas Nicholls and Simon Weston, bailiffs of Shrewsbury, in favour of William Rowley, William King, Isaac Scott, and Edward Clarke, to be common brewers, with*

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Thomas Harris, who had already compounded, and whom they consider to be a competent number to supply the town. [*Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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99. Certificate of Inigo Jones that the Content, of Aldborough, was to be employed for nine months in the carriage of stone from the Isle of Portland to London for the repair of St. Paul's, with the names of the master and four mariners. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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100. The like certificate for the Welcome Home John, of Aldborough. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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101. Answer of Bishop Skinner, of Bristol, to certain demands made against him by Bishop Coke, recently translated from that see to Hereford. These demands turned upon the respective rights of the outgoing and the incoming bishop, as to all which Bishop Skinner submitted to the decision of the archbishop. The questions related,—1, to six acres of hay; 2, to certain rents due at Midsummer; and 3, to an appointment by Bishop Coke of his servant as an apparitor, which was contended to be void because the office was filled when the appointment was made. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

101. I. *Copy of a patent for the appointment of an apparitor, granted by Bishop Searchfield to Abraham Whiting for his life, dated 3rd November 1621, with notes by Bishop Skinner, to the effect that Whiting assigned to Hugh Jones, who had died, but that Whiting was still alive. During Jones's life, Bishop Coke, regardless of the rights of Whiting and Jones, appointed — Hartey, who was put into the office "in despite of them all."*

101. II. *Note of the burial of Hugh Jones at St. Austin's, Bristol, 28th December 1634. [5 lines.]*

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102. Information of George Barnard, of Sileby, co. Leicester, taken before Sir Wolstan Dixie and Thomas Babington, justices of peace. That hearing there was a letter sent from London to Bartholomew Aslin, of Sileby, an old, blind, and decrepit man, almost a hundred years of age, in which letter were some dangerous words, he procured a sight of the same, and conceiving the words to be dangerous, delivered the same to Mr. Babington, the next justice of peace. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

102. I. *Examination of Hugh Wilson, of Cossington, co. Leicester, weaver. Knows Thomas Aslin, son of Bartholomew. About Lent last he was in the company of the said Thomas in the house of William Wilde, at which time the said Thomas said that one Mr. Burton, a good minister, was either imprisoned or silenced. Has heard that the said Thomas dwells in some part of the city or suburbs of London. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]*

102. II. *Examination of John Johnson, of Sileby, a carrier. Being at London the 22nd May instant, he, by the hands of John Heywood, his porter, received from Thomas Aslin*

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a bottle of wine and ten shillings to carry to Bartholomew Aslin, and a letter also, all which he delivered accordingly. Thomas Aslin is a porter about the Custom House. Heywood knows where he lives. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

102. III. *Examination of Richard Aslin, of Sileby, tailor. Thomas Aslin is brother by the father to examinant, and oft-times sends to his aged father and mother. His father received on Thursday night last past, the 25th instant, a bottle of wine from his sister, who dwells with the Lady Probie, about London Stone, and ten shillings in money, together with a letter from his brother Thomas, the which this examinant's mother desired him to read this day. She had gotten it read before. In the latter end thereof there was something written that examinant did not understand, neither did he go to Hugh Wilson as is required in the said letter. His brother dwelleth in St. Olave's parish in Southwark. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

May 27. "At my house in the Strand." 103. Certificate of Sir William Slingsby that Thomas Bridges, of Keynsham, Somerset, and Richard Dewes, of Lavingham [Lavenham], Suffolk, that day voluntarily took the oath of allegiance before him. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 27. 104. Notes by Sec. Windebank of proceedings in the Star Chamber this day, in the cause against Bishop Williams, of Lincoln. The bishop having desired to examine witnesses upon interrogatories, with the view of showing that the proceedings against him were grounded upon malice, the question before the court this day was the admissibility of the proposed interrogatories. These notes contain copies of the interrogatories; notes from the information against the bishop, and his answer, and also from the objections of the Attorney-General. It would seem that a reference was made to the judges as to what was fit to be expunged. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]

May 28. Whitehall. 105. The King to Attorney-General Bankes. Upon the petition of the inhabitants of Northumberland, we have remitted the remainder of the ship-money for that county unpaid for last year, amounting to 2,000*l*. You are to recall the certiorari, attachments and other process issued against the late sheriff, concerning the said remainder of 2,000*l*., and cause all further proceedings for the same forthwith to cease. [*Draft.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

May 28. Honington, co. Lincoln. 106. William Thornton to Nicholas. Lisney, the messenger, went from Mr. Sheriff's on Saturday with Official, the chief constable, and Burton, the petty constable, intending to go to Pinchbeck, where Mr. Browne dwells, and thence to Mr. Tilson's, so as he will be with you before these letters. So soon as Browne repairs to you, know of him whether he has delivered the assessment of Crowland to the collectors. If it fall out that Browne and Tilson be committed, move them to set down in whose hands the assessments of their divisions remain, to the end they may be delivered to others for collection, for otherwise his Majesty's service will be much retarded.

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The bearer is—come up to attend Nicholas until the cause be heard. Some other informations against the delinquents now sent up are enclosed. If your month of waiting be ended, recommend the care therein to Mr. Meautys. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

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107. Sheriff of co. Nottingham to the Council. Concerning the ship-money due from Newark, Retford, and George Wood, of Dunham; Newark offers to pay 50*l.* if they may be discharged of all, that is, 120*l.* Conceives that Retford may very well pay 50*l.* instead of 30*l.*, and so Newark be eased of 20*l.* Robert Reynes, the constable of Dunham, complains that George Wood, of Dunham, and his wife, when he came to distrain for ship-money, rescued him, and did strike him. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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108. Extract certified this day from the Minister's Accounts of the Duchy of Cornwall for the 7th year of the present reign, whereby Robert Langdon, feodary and escheator, accounted for 4*l.* 18*s.* for the goods and chattels of Stephen Pearce, convicted of felony, with memorandum that no other sum was accounted for under that head in all the seven precedent years. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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109. Sir Thomas Barrington and William Masham to the Council. We have sent forth warrants for calling before us the maltsters in the hundreds of Waltham, Havering Liberty, Becontree, Ongar, and Harlow, and have let those that appeared understand his Majesty's intentions, with the articles received from you. Very few in those parts convert any considerable quantity of barley into malt. We moved them for their being admitted into that corporation, but found not any willing, by reason of their small trading in malt. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

May 29.

Westminster.

Lords of the Admiralty to Attorney-General Bankes. To renew the commission lately granted for the Council of War, directing it to the Lord Treasurer, and adding to the former commissioners Edward Lord Herbert, of Cherbury. [*Admiralty Register*, Vol. cccliii., fol. 24. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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Westminster.

110. The King to the Lord Treasurer and other officers of the Exchequer. The cathedral church of St. Paul, famous for magnificence [of] structure, and an ornament to our city and kingdom, is fallen into decay. We, considering how the same might be not only kept from ruin but be repaired, have given divers sums towards that work, and have declared our intention for an annual contribution towards the same, and have granted commissions for a general collection from our subjects, among whom many have largely contributed, and the same is really employed, as the place itself already shows, to the great content of all such as have contributed. Heretofore some have shown backwardness out of distrust that the work was too great to be done, and that what was collected might have been otherwise employed; wherefore we have specially intrusted the Archbishop of Canterbury to see all moneys given faithfully employed in this work. And we have also taken upon us to repair

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the west end of the church, which being a matter of great charge, and our occasions of state requiring so great a portion of our ordinary receipts, we have thought good to assure some part of our personal revenue for that purpose; wherefore we do give and appoint all obligations and recognizances taken by order of our commissioners for causes ecclesiastical, and the penalties and forfeitures of the same, and also all fines for causes ecclesiastical imposed by the said commissioners, to be paid to the Chamberlain of the city of London, to be employed for repairing the west end and other ruinous parts of the said church, giving full power to all sheriffs, tellers of the Exchequer, and other persons to pay and receive the same accordingly. [*Office copy. 21 pp.*]

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Petition of Sir William Selby, Dame Elizabeth his wife, William Selby, an infant grandchild of the said Sir William, [and — Selby] widow, late wife of William Selby, son and heir apparent of the said Sir William Selby, to the King. Sir George Selby, deceased, being seized of the manor of Winlaton and the manor of Stotfold, [Stotfield?] co. Durham, having issue daughters and no son, settled the same on himself and the heirs male of his body, and after his [death] settled the remainder as to Stotfold and part of a moiety of Winlaton upon Dame Margaret Selby (his wife) for life, and the rest of the moiety of Winlaton upon petitioner, Sir William, being his brother and next heir male, for his life, with remainder to William Selby, deceased, petitioner's son and the heirs male of his body, with the like limitations for Stotfold after the death of his wife, but charged Winlaton with the payment of 3,000*l.* to the daughters of Sir George. Sir George having died shortly after making the said settlement, petitioner expended much money in defence of his title, which was questioned by Sir George's daughters in Chancery; and Sir William's son William having also incurred a large debt in management of the collieries in Winlaton, it was resolved to cut off the entail and sell part of Winlaton for payment of the amount; but the son having unfortunately been killed before the recovery was completed, leaving eight very young children without maintenance, petitioner prays a privy seal authorizing the Justices of the Common Pleas, or the justices itinerant of Durham, to permit petitioner, William Selby, the infant son and heir of William Selby, the son deceased, to suffer the said recovery. [*Book of Petitions, Vol. cccxxviii., p. 86. 2½ pp.*]
Underwritten,

- i. *The King grants petitioners their desire, and the Attorney-General is to prepare a bill accordingly. Whitehall, 30th May 1637. [Ibid. 4 lines.]*

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Whitehall.

111. Order of the King in Council. Upon hearing the masters and owners of ships trading to Newcastle for coals, and the hoastmen, concerning gift coal given by the latter to the former, amounting usually to five chaldrons on every score, so as the price of a chaldron of coals at Newcastle being 11*s.*, of which the King has 1*s.*, the hoastmen usually give in measure to the masters and owners

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25 chaldrons for a score, whereby they lose their price and his Majesty the customs of five chaldrons upon every score. It was ordered that the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington should send for the hoastmen and signify to them that his Majesty is pleased to take off the gift coal, and that in recompense thereof they are to allow the King 1s. upon every chaldron above the 1s. formerly paid, not increasing the price of 11s. for a chaldron of coals at Newcastle. [*Seal of Council impressed.* 1 p.]

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112. Draft of the preceding order, altered as settled above, and as entered on the Council Register. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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113. Fair copy of the same order as it stood before it was finally settled. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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114. Order of the King in Council. Recites an order of the King in Council dated 29th March last, and calendared under that date (*Vol. cccli., No. 33*), whereby the bailiffs and others of Ipswich, authorized by a statute of the 13th Elizabeth, were directed to levy competent rates for the maintenance of the ministers of five poorly endowed parish churches in that town; but touching the other similar churches in the said town, the same being presentative or impropriate, their case was left to be examined by the two Lord Chief Justices and the Lord Chief Baron. Recites also the certificate of the said Chief Justices and Chief Baron, calendared under date of the 23rd May inst., whereby they stated that all the other poorly endowed parish churches in Ipswich, besides the said five, were comprehended within the said statute, and that the lands in the said last-mentioned parishes might in like manner be taxed for the maintenance of their ministers. It was ordered that the bailiffs and others above mentioned should assess a competent maintenance for the ministers of the others of the said parishes, as well as for the five who had been already provided for by the order of the 29th March. [*Draft.* $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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Whitehall.

115. The like. Upon consideration of letters patent formerly granted to Sir Robert Sharpey and others for survey of sea coals at Newcastle, and of a proclamation published thereupon, it was ordered that the Attorney and Solicitor-General should peruse the said letters patent and proclamation, and inquire whether the same were ever put in execution, and what is the reason that it has not been of late executed, and to certify the contents of the same, and their opinion of the conveniency thereof. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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116. Order of Council. Whereas the poor of the parishes of St. Margaret, Westminster, St. Martin and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, St. Andrew, Holborn, St. James, Clerkenwell, and other parishes in Middlesex and Westminster, usually repair to his Majesty's almoner or sub-almoner at the time of his removes, and from them receive his royal bounty. The times are now dangerous by reason of the infection, and the almoner and sub-almoner are to attend his Ma-

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jesty's person. It is therefore ordered that the justices of peace give order that the poor be not permitted to go out of their parishes, or to repair to the almoner during the infection. Such moneys as were usually given at removes shall be sent to the several parishes to be distributed amongst the poor. [Draft. 1 p.]

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Whitehall.

117. Order of Council. Recites a petition of "the fishery" of Yarmouth, whereby it was stated that foreign salt being forbidden to be brought into any port between Southampton and Berwick without paying 46s. 8d. per weigh, or obtaining licence from this Board, petitioners had forborne the same to their great loss and to the hindrance of their fishery, which for herring and fish in the heat of summer cannot well be preserved without Spanish or bay-salt to mingle with the white, and therefore desired leave to import such quantity thereof as by the Lords shall be thought fit. Also recites a certificate of Edward Nuttall, governor of the company of salt-makers of the South and West Shields, expressing content that the townsmen of Great Yarmouth should import foreign salt for supply of their herring fishing to the quantity of 300 weigh. It is ordered that the Lord Treasurer give directions to the officers of Great Yarmouth to permit the same to be brought in by Thomas Horth, who is appointed by the town for that work, he paying his Majesty's ancient customs and all other duties. [Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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118. The like order upon two petitions, one of Richard Wood, vicar of Shavebury [Shawbury], co Salop, wherein he complained of Francis Charleton and his under-tenants, who have vexed him with prohibitions, although upon his recovering his tithes of the hall and township of Great Withiford by a verdict at law, the order of the court was that the same should be final. The other petition was by Mr. Charleton, who claims a *modus decimandi* by prescription, which Mr. Wood not allowing, as his predecessors had done, but suing in the Ecclesiastical Court for tithe in kind, Charleton sued forth a prohibition at the common law, which at first failed for a mistaking in form, but suing out a new prohibition, he had a verdict for the custom and judgment thereupon. The Lords finding that Mr. Justice Jones had formerly heard the matter in difference, refer both petitions to him, praying him at the next assizes to mediate a friendly accommodation. [Draft. 1 p.]

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119. The Council to Justices of Peace for Suffolk. Hadleigh is miserably afflicted with the plague, which is dispersed in above 40 several families, and a great part of the chief inhabitants and clothiers have left their dwellings, so that besides the persons infected 200 families wholly depend upon the town for lack of work. We require you to consider what is fit to be done for their present relief, and if you find it too heavy for the country near thereabouts, you are at your next quarter sessions to consider of a fit tax to be laid upon the whole county, or such part thereof as you shall think fit. [Draft. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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May 30. 120. Minute of entry on the Council Register of the appearance of Leonard Browne, John Tilson, William Official, chief constables and collectors of ship-money in co. Lincoln, and Thomas Burton, petty constable, sent for by warrant. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- May 30. Minute of the appearance before the Lords of the Admiralty of Anthony Kirle, sent for by warrant of the Lords. [*Admiralty Register, Vol. cccliii., fol. 24.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
- May 30. 121. Sir Thomas Walsingham and Sir Thomas Pope Blount to Scadbury. Henry Earl of Holland. In accordance with your letter requiring us to remove out of East Greenwich and the places adjacent the several inmates and sojourners, we have used our best skill for performance of the same, whereby his Majesty's royal person may be better secured in his being in Greenwich. We have caused many to depart, many to forbear to come, and have warned the rest to remove as they will answer before the Lords. We conceive it impossible wholly to free the town from inmates and sojourners, as also the recourse of people from London by water, in regard of the many landing-places and the variety of ways into East Greenwich. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]
- May 30. 122. Dr. Isaac Bargrave, Dean of Canterbury, to Archbishop Laud. Christ Church, In these things following I most humbly beg your patience. 1st. Canterbury. The prebends being much dispersed, and yet to meet at the general chapter a week before Midsummer, that you would respite the return of our answer to your last articles until that chapter. 2nd. For your directions about the muniments they shall be put in execution at our next chapter, which would have prevented your trouble herein, if Dr. Peake, my common threatener in the chapter, could have had patience till then, but in this I submit two considerations, the first relating to the three keys, and secondly, respecting the private door between the library and the deanery. 3. For the petty canon's place, Mr. John Baily being opposed by three of the juniors, I entreat your determination in that business. 4. A letter has been received from Sir Henry Vane concerning Sir Thomas Morton's inhabiting Dr. [du] Moulin's house, which may be very useful, but Mr. Gilbert has been outed from a prebendal house, and Mr. Ingham also, and Dr. Frewen's and Dr. Westley's houses are now to be new let. 5. I entreat that the dean's house may be repaired, and a vault belonging to it, kept back by Dr. Peake, may be given up. 6. That the prebends may be enjoined not to use canvassings before elections. [*Seal with arms.* 2 pp.]
- May 31. The King to William Earl of Salisbury, Custos Rotulorum of Westminster. co. Hertford, and to his deputy and the Clerk of the Peace for the said county. Recites statute of 5th and 6th Edward VI., whereby no one was to keep a common alehouse or tippling-house without licence of the justices of peace, and entering into a certain recognizance. Upon complaint of infinite abuses, the Council were resolved to give direction for punishment of offenders. Nevertheless, in hope the

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alehouse keepers and tipplers would be more careful for the future if they were released from their former recognizances, under which scarce any one has not grossly offended, therefore the persons addressed are authorized to deliver up to the persons bound all their recognizances except those for the current year, upon payment of a fine of 20s. from every recognizor or his sureties. [*See Case D. Car. I., No. 13. 38 lines on parchment.*]

May 31.
Westminster.

123. The King to the Treasurer and other Officers of the Exchequer. The Great Lodge in the park of Grafton, co. Northampton, is so much decayed that it is better to take it down than to re-edify it; and the paling of Grafton Park and Perry Park thereto adjoining must be suddenly repaired for preservation of the deer, which will require 100 oaks and 60*l.* in money; and the outhouses of the lodge in Wakefield Walk in the forest of Whittlewood in said county, and the paling in the closes and "lawnds" and the sluices there are much decayed, and will require 40 great timber trees and 50*l.* in money; and the rails of our "lawnds" in the forest of Salcey in the said county will require 14 trees and 3*l.* 10s. in money; and the Great Lodge in the Bailiwick of Buttrumsley in the New Forest, co. Hants, and the outhouses there will require 37 tons of timber and 116*l.* in money. You are to pay the said several sums of money to Sir Charles Harbord, our Surveyor-General, and to give order for "falling" the trees required for the said work. [*Strip of parchment. 24 lines.*]

May 31. Docquet of the same.

May 31. 124. Petition of Leonard Browne, John Tilson, and William Official, chief constables and collectors for co. Lincoln, and Thomas Burton, petty constable, to the Council. We have been brought up by a messenger upon complaint against us for neglect to distrain for ship-money. We have with all diligence pursued the service and also distrained, but our division being spacious and troublesome and many miles in circuit, and the burthen of collecting and distraining wholly imposed upon us, the time must necessarily be long before we can finish the service. We have already paid in the greatest part of the money, and if we had not thus been called before your honours, our intent was this week to have gone on in distraining. Pray to be discharged, and that for our speedier performance of the service the petty constables may have power to distrain. [*1 p.*]

May 31. 125. Bond of Leonard Browne, John Tilson, and William Official, chief constables in co. Lincoln, in 500*l.* to the King, conditioned to repair into co. Lincoln, and according to the sheriff's warrants to use their best endeavours to collect such ship-moneys as are unpaid in the places where they are chief constables, and pay the same in with all expedition. [*$\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

May 31. 126. Draft minute for entry on the Council Register of warrant to George Carter, messenger of the chamber, to repair to the usual

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abiding-place of Thomas Hunt, of Merton, co. Surrey, and to require him forthwith to pay 7*l.* to the churchwardens of that parish, according to an order of 24th June 1636, with messenger's fees, which if he refuse he is to stand committed to the Fleet. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

May 31.
Whitehall.

127. Order of Council. Recites that baymakers of Coggeshall, creditors of John de la Barre, of London, merchant, have by petitions to his Majesty showed that they employ many thousands of poor people, but that through the failing of some merchants they are disabled to continue the poor at work; whereupon his Majesty gave leave for some course to be taken with John de la Barre for their satisfaction. Upon several hearings before the Lords, de la Barre had alleged that it was not in his power to divide his estate to give the said clothiers satisfaction, by reason that the major part of his creditors, as appeared by a writing dated the 7th January last, desired that he should set over his estate to certain trustees, to be equally divided among the said major part, at which time the said baymakers averred that they could not inquire out where any portion of the estate lies in England, save only some moneys due from his Majesty. The Lords thought good that de la Barre or the trustees should allot to the baymakers, viz., Henry Enew, John Gravenor, Thomas Gayon, William Tanner, Nicholas Northey, Thomas Shortland's executors, Richard Shortland, Thomas Buxton, William Gladwin, Nicholas Gladwin, and Isaac Ansell, in satisfaction of their debts, 850*l.* out moneys due from his Majesty. [*Seal of Council impressed.* 1 p.]

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Whitehall.

128. Draft minute of the preceding order, dated at the commencement "19th of May 1637," but with the present date at the conclusion, and with several alterations. [1 p.]

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129. Another similar minute. The "19th of May 1637" was perhaps one of the several days of hearing alluded to in the order. [1 p.]

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Whitehall.

130. Order of Council. There were 75 chaldrons of sea coals brought from Newcastle in the Margaret, of Yarmouth, which proved so bad that no man would buy them here, whereby the master and owners of the ship complained to us for relief. We gave directions to Lawrence Whitaker and Peter Heywood, justices of peace, to sell the same at their value, and no man offering above 5*s.* the chaldron they let them go at that price, whereby the master and owners are damnified 94*l.* 15*s.*, which should be allowed them by Robert Anderton, the owner of the coals. We require him to pay the same or give attendance upon us. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

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131. The like. The churchwardens and collectors for the poor visited in St. Margaret's, Westminster, show that divers of his Majesty's servants, whose names are set down in an annexed schedule, refuse to pay their assessments for relief of the poor visited. We have commanded one of the messengers of the chamber, assisted by an officer of the parish, to repair to the said persons and demand

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the sums so assessed, and if any refuse to pay above a sevensnight after demand, every such person shall stand committed to the Fleet, whereof the warden is to keep them safe prisoners until they shall conform. [*Memorandum written thereon, "A warrant directed to Henry Keyme."*] [*Draft. 1 p.*]

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Whitehall.

132. The Council to Bishop Goodman, of Gloucester. The petition of Robert Kerfoot, clerk, vicar of Oxenhall, co. Gloucester, referred to us by his Majesty, is not easy to be ordered, therefore we have desired Mr. Justice Bridgeman to examine the same. Petitioner alleges that for the space of nine months he has for his pains not received above 6*l.* We pray you to take order that the executors of Nicholas Roberts, deceased, or John Beale, tenant of the impropriation, may give Mr. Kerfoot 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for his pains for the time past, and as much for his maintenance till Michaelmas next, by which time we doubt not to receive certificate from Mr. Justice Bridgeman. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

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133. The same to Edward Barker, messenger of the Chamber. The merchants, masters, and owners of ships trading to Newcastle for coals complain that, contrary to the order of the 2nd instant, whereby free trade was granted to them upon paying 12*d.* per chalder more than formerly (which they are willing to pay), and that the hostmen contractors should be discharged of their contract with his Majesty, a copy of which order being delivered to the contractors, divers of them in contempt are still in their wonted course of quarters, and give out that they will continue the same till they have his Majesty's discharge under seal. We command you to repair to Newcastle and require such of the contractors and their deputies as shall refuse to yield obedience to the order of the 2nd instant either to conform, or that you take them into custody and bring them before us. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

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134. The same to Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells, John Lord Paulett, John Coventry, John Robert Phillips, and John Simms, justices of peace for co. Somerset. We send a petition of William Walrond, complaining of John Isham, of Braydon [Bradon?], and William Bicknell, the one for having last year, when this city was infected, entertained six or seven persons that came from hence without bringing certificate of their health, the other for keeping company with one Luff, and taking a warrant from the tithingman sent to apprehend him, using such indecent language both of petitioner and the warrant as was unfit to be inserted. We require you to examine the truth of these allegations, and return certificate to the Board. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

May 31.

135. The same to Sir Capell Bedell, Sir Robert Osborne, Adam Hill, and James Ravenscroft. Send a letter of Obadiah Coysh and John Sutton, of Easton, to Sir Capell Bedell, charging Giles Randall, curate of that town, with scandalous and seditious words that fell from him in a sermon preached the 23rd of November last. As the

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examination of witnesses may be better done in the country than here, we pray you consider the charge in Coysh's letter, and if you shall find the accusation true to send to the Board a certificate with the party accused. If the accusations be proved to be false, you are to order Coysh and Sutton to pay the charges which they have unjustly put Randall unto, and to cause such further punishment to be inflicted upon them as their deserts shall merit. [*Draft.* 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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136. The Council to Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Lord Chamberlain and Lord Warden of the Stannaries. It appears by certificate of the mayor of Plymouth and divers justices of peace, and chief gentlemen living near that town appointed to view the harbour of Catwater, near Plymouth, that the said harbour is much decayed and "quarred up" by reason of quantities of earth carried down from the tin-work called Clasiwell, and other works near the rivers Plym and Mew. We pray you to take order that the working in the works offensive to the said harbour be forborne, or that sufficient stops be made for stay of the gravel and keeping it out of the rivers. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 31.

137. The same to Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells, William Bassett, now sheriff, and John Malett, late sheriff of Somerset. We send a petition of the inhabitants of the hundred of Frome Selwood, complaining that there being in the said hundred sixteen tithings and two liberties, some of the tithings are of far greater extent and value than others, and the liberties, which are of equal value with any two of the tithings, are not assessed at all, and the lesser tithings by a general rate called Henton rate are most unequally rated. We pray you to call the petitioners and some of the two liberties and other tithings before you, and either to settle some good course for equal rating that hundred, or to return certificate of the state of the difference. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 31.

138. The same to the Judges of Assize of the Western Circuit. We send you a petition of the common burgesses of Barnstaple, complaining that the richer sort oppress the inferior inhabitants by exercising byelaws not warrantable by law, that they bring in tradesmen that never served as apprentices, that upon any rate they tax more than will suffice, and put the overplus to private uses, and oft-times require rates for maintenance of private quarrels. We hold it very unfit to countenance inferiors in complaints against their governors, and therefore recommend the said petition to you, praying you to examine the truth thereof, and to inquire by what means this proceeds from the common burgesses, and if you find anything amiss, to take order for redress, yet so as may not impeach government; but if the complaint be causeless, then such punishment is to be inflicted as may be exemplary. [1 $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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139. The same to the same Judges of Assize. We send you two petitions of divers gentlemen of Somerset, the one addressed

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to his Majesty, the other to this Board; the one commending an ancient way of rating used in that county, and the other complaining of the same as unequal. We pray you to treat with the sheriff, justices of peace, and principal gentlemen of that county, and taking into consideration improvements made by disafforestations, enclosures, or the like, to put them into some way how the rates for general payments may be apportioned with equality. [*Draft.* 2 pp.]

[May 31 ?] 140. List of 15 gentlemen of Somerset who with many others are stated in the endorsement to make good the petition of Somerset "for Henton rate." They comprise Sir Ralph Hopton, Sir John Jacob, Ralph Hopton, and other well-known persons. [1 p.]

May 31. 141. The Council to the Judges of Assize for co. Northumberland. His Majesty and this Board have been informed that the book of rates for public payments in Northumberland is very unequal, there being divers lands not rated at all, and others very unequally, in regard that a great part of the county bordering upon Scotland, which before the uniting of the kingdoms was of small value, is now much improved, yet continues in the book of rates as formerly, and the demesnes being generally rated very low, and the towns very high, causes the greatest burthen to lie upon the poorer sort, and to be with difficulty levied. We pray you at the next assizes to treat with the sheriff, justices of peace, and principal gentlemen, and to put them into some way how the book of rates may be apportioned with equality. [*Draft.* 2 pp.]

May 31. 142. The same to the Judges of Assize for co. Warwick. We send you a petition of Essex Devereux, Robert Arden, and others, inhabitants of the hamlets of Water Orton and Castle Bromwich in Aston juxta Birmingham, complaining of the inequality of the levies for ship-money, they being rated at double as much for some lands, and five times as much for other, as the inhabitants of the other two hamlets within the same parish. This complaint we referred to the sheriff, but he, pretending to have no power to examine upon oath, forbore to give any order therein. We pray you at the next assizes to call before you the parties interested, and to direct some way how the rates in the said hamlets and parish may for the future be taxed with equality, but for the present the assessment for the shipping is to stand to prevent disturbance in that service. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

May 31. 143. The same to the Judges of Assize for Wilts. It has been represented to this Board by the sheriff that the rates for public payments in that county are very unequal, some hundreds paying after the rate of 2s. in the pound, where in other places they pay but 4d., albeit the land be of equal goodness, and there are some parts of that county, now disafforested, which pay nothing at all or very little. Pray them, as in the article No. 141, to put the county in the way to apportion all rates with equality. [*Draft.* 1½ p.]

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144. The Council to William Earl of Derby and the Judges of Assize for co. Chester. We enclose a petition from the mayor and citizens of Chester, complaining that the inhabitants of Gloverstone, who dwell within the walls of that city, heretofore paid subsidies, and contributed to all charges with the city, as likewise paid ship-money the two first years, and kept watch and ward, but that John Hanna and others, inhabitants of Gloverstone, now deny to pay their assessments or to watch with the city as heretofore. We pray you, with the judges of assize for co. Chester, to compose the said differences if you can, or otherwise to certify the truth of the complaint. [Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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145. The same to Sir Edward Hussey, sheriff of co. Lincoln. Leonard Browne, John Tilson, and William Official, high constables and collectors of ship-money, and Thomas Burton, petty constable in co. Lincoln, were sent for upon complaint for neglect of duty in not levying the ship-money, but have promised better conformity, and have given bond to do their utmost endeavours to get in the moneys, wherefore they were discharged. In regard the division of the county where they live is so many miles in circuit that the constables cannot levy with such speed as is expected, we pray you to give directions to some of the most responsible petty constables to levy upon their several parishes. Where the petty constables cannot perform the service the high constables are to put to their helping hands and see the business accomplished. [Draft 1 p.]

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Nicholas to the same. I have received a letter from Mr. Thornton, your under-sheriff, and made the Lords acquainted with the cause why the four constables were sent for. Their Lordships made the order which is mentioned in the preceding article. [Copy. *Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 149.* $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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146. The Council to Richard Rogers, Sheriff of Dorset. We have been made acquainted with your letter of the 25th instant to Mr. Nicholas concerning a difference in the hundred of Sherborne about rating the in-hundred and out-hundred. We pray you to call before you some of the chief inhabitants and upon view of their precedents for rating to give order that the same be assessed as has been usual, and if you find any difficulty you are to acquaint the judges at the next assizes, and with their advice to establish some equal way of rating the said hundred. [Draft. 1 p.]

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147. The same to Sir Edward Hussey, Sheriff of co. Lincoln. Recites petition of Richard Russell, of Cowbit, showing that that town being rated towards the ship-money in 1634 at 28*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*, the collection thereof was put upon him, and being himself assessed at 5*l.* he paid the same with 20*l.* collected from the rest of the inhabitants, returning the names of the defaulters for the 3*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* Nevertheless in April 1635 he was distrained by Ryseing and Horne, sheriff's officers, for 8*l.* more, which he was enforced to pay. Likewise in 1635 the town was again charged at 6*l.* 17*s.*, and he to

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collect the same, being himself rated at 30s. 10½*d.*, which he paid with all the rest of the money ; notwithstanding which, he was again distrained by other officers of the sheriff for 5*l.* more, which he also paid, amounting in all to 19*l.* 10s. 10½*d.* We pray you, having examined the truth of the allegations, to afford petitioner redress. [*Draft.* 1½ *p.*]

May 31. 148. The Council to Sir Edward Hussey, Sheriff of co. Lincoln. We send you a petition of Sir Gervase Scrope and the inhabitants of Cockerington, complaining that Eustace White, chief constable of the wapentake of Louth Eske, taxed Cockerington for ship-money at 30*l.* and more, and Louth, where he lived himself, but at 20*l.*, though in all other payments Louth bears a greater proportion than Cockerington. We recommend the complaint to you, praying you to settle such an order therein as there may be no just cause of further complaint. [*Draft.* 1½ *p.*]

May 31. 149. The same to Sir Peter Temple, Sheriff of co. Buckingham. Recite a petition of inhabitants of Biddlesden, complaining that their parish, being last year taxed at 8*l.* towards ship-money, is this year assessed at 16*l.* We recommend the consideration thereof to you, praying you to examine the truth of what is alleged, and to give petitioners such relief as you shall find cause. [*Draft.* ¾ *p.*]

May 31. 150. The same to Henry Chester, Sheriff of co. Bedford, and Mr. Justice Crawley. The tenants and poor cottagers of Shelton complain that Mr. Manning, their parson, Mr. Lea, and Edward Woodley, taxing themselves and the rest of the freeholders, together with Mr. Mallory, lord of the manor, to the first payment of ship-money but at 2*d.* per acre for their arable land, and nothing for their meadow and pasture, taxed petitioners at 2s. 4*d.* an acre ; likewise for the last year's assessment Mr. Lea and John Ivorie assessed themselves under 2½*d.* an acre and others under 1½*d.*, and petitioners some at 12*d.* and others at 4*d.* an acre, both which taxations petitioners paid. We pray you that, according to his Majesty's writ and our directions, wherein you are required to see all men assessed with equality, and especially the poorer sort not to be over-charged, petitioners may be relieved as well for the time past as the time to come. [*Draft.* 2 *pp.*]

May 31. 151. The same to Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells, William Whitehall. Bassett, Sheriff of Somerset, and John Malett, the late Sheriff. Upon complaint of the inhabitants of the hundreds of Chewton, Wellow, Bruton, and Norton Ferris, we have written several letters to you, and now we must recommend to you the differences between William Cox, late under-sheriff to Mr. Malett, and the constables of Horethorne, Bath Forum, Bempstone, Kilmersdon, Taunton, and Langport Estover, for moneys alleged to be unpaid from those places towards the ship-money. We pray you to do your uttermost to accommodate the differences between them, but if you cannot, to return certificate to the Board with your opinion. [*Draft.* 1¼ *p.*]

May 31. 152. The same to Sir John Hare and Sir Thomas Dereham, Justices of Peace of Norfolk. Whereas an Act of Sewers, made

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at King's Lynn the 13th January 1630-31, for draining the great level of the Fens extending into cos. Northampton, Lincoln, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge, and Huntingdon, and the Isle of Ely, has been approved by letters patent, dated 26th July 1631, and commanded to be executed by several orders of this Board, one dated in July 1631, and another the 10th of this instant May, whereby all his Majesty's officers are required to be assisting in the execution of the said Act of Sewers, and are to bind over all persons disobedient thereunto to appear before the Lords. Notwithstanding the said orders, there have been lately some tumults raised in some parts of Norfolk in opposition to the said Act of Sewers. We are by his Majesty's special command to require you, who are justices of peace near adjoining to the places where these commotions have been, to employ your authority to suppress these tumults; and to that purpose his Majesty's command is that you put in execution the statute of Northampton, and that you imprison some of the offenders, and bind over others amongst the more refractory and best able to attend this Board, providing by the most effectual means you can to quiet the country. [*Draft.* 2½ pp.]

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153. The Council to Mr. Justice Bridgeman. We send you the petition of Robert Kerfoot, clerk, vicar of Oxenhall, co. Gloucester, presented to the King and referred to us. We pray you to peruse the evidences of both sides, and consider the right of the King to present, and of the church whether it be sufficiently endowed with means to maintain the vicar, and how much he is allowed, and to certify the same to us in Michaelmas term next. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

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154. Minute of pass signed by the Council for Thomas Bridges, of Keynsham, Somerset, and Richard Dewes, of Lavenham, Suffolk, to travel into foreign parts for three years. [½ p.]

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155. List of petitions "left" by [Sir William Becher, clerk of the Council,] "at the chamber, indispatched," at the close of his month of attendance. Among them is "the Players' petition to his Majesty." The paper was subsequently continued with similar lists for the end of June and July 1637. [2 pp.]

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Whitehall.

Commissioners for Gunpowder to Montjoy Earl of Newport, Master of the Ordnance. His Majesty taking notice that his magazine is well replenished with gunpowder and his ships at sea fully furnished, and considering that he is at great charge to buy foreign saltpetre to keep his powder mills on work, and that there is very little powder bought here, he is pleased that trial be made how his powder will vend in foreign parts, therefore six barrels are to be delivered to Richard Bogan, merchant, to be sent into France and to be disposed of to his Majesty's best advantage. [*See Vol. ccclv., No. 61, p. 1.* ⅔ p.]

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156. Report of Deputy Lieutenants of Devon of defects in men and arms at a muster of Colonel Pollard's regiment. [1 p.]

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157. Declaration of the state of Sir William Russell's account for ship-money received for the year 1637 up to this day. Total received, 126,496*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*, and total paid, 130,329*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.*, which shows 3,833*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* issued more than received. [1 *p.*]

May.

158. Petition of William Nead, archer, and William Nead, his son, instructors in archery to the King. According to the proclamation, previously mentioned in this calendar, petitioners have employed themselves to teach the trained pikemen and others in the service of the bow with the pike together, as testified by the deputy lieutenants where petitioners have executed the same. Some delinquents have obstinately refused to conform themselves, whereby the service is much hindered, which will be the utter undoing of petitioners. Petitioners having made known this contempt to the Council were referred by the Lords to the lords lieutenants, members of the Council (*see 19th inst., No. 148*), but the lords lieutenants being mentioned neither by name nor number in the said reference, petitioners know not to whom they ought to address themselves. Pray a reference to the Earl Marshal, the Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Bridgewater, and Viscount Wimbledon, and that such rewards may be conferred upon petitioners and others employed in this service as may encourage them to perform the same.

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159. Session book of meetings of the Privy Council held during the present month, containing the names of the members present at every meeting. The King was present on the 2nd, 7th, 9th, 14th, 21st, and 30th. Fourteen meetings were held during the month. Archbishop Laud and Lord Keeper Coventry were present at 13 of them, the Lord Treasurer at eight; nine was the smallest number of members who attended on any occasion, 24 the largest. [28 *pp.*, of which 13 are blank.]

[May ?]

160. Petition of John Gibbon, one of the chief constables of the wapentake of Walshcroft, co. Lincoln, to the Council. By warrant for assessing 243*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.* on that wapentake for ship-money, petitioner assessed Thorganby at 5*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, and William Caldwell, a justice of the peace inhabiting there, at 4*l.* more, he being owner in fee of the greater part of the town, and of a very great personal estate. Mr. Caldwell said his town should pay but 3*l.* whatsoever it was assessed at, and complained to Sir Edward Hussey, the sheriff, who confirmed the assessment. Mr. Caldwell has since used petitioner in very disgraceful manner, telling him that he was more fit to be hanged than to be an assessor, and threatening that he would sit on his skirts, whereby petitioner is in great fear, Mr. Caldwell being a powerful man in the country. Prays letters to the justices of peace in the sessions where Mr. Caldwell and petitioner live to hear both parties, and make certificate that order be taken for petitioner's relief. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

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161. Petition of John Murray, prisoner in the Fleet, to the same. Lately, upon petitioner's petition touching an abuse done to him by

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the mayor of Huntingdon (*Vol. ccclv., No. 7*), petitioner was committed to the Fleet, where he now remains. What he did was by direction of his solicitor, Henry Bagnet. Petitioner is heartily sorry, and prays enlargement. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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162. Petition of John Button, Sheriff of Hants, to the Council. Has endeavoured his best in collecting the ship-money, wherein he has not only been at much charge, but has greatly suffered in the opinion of many for doing his duty. Out of his affection towards Sir Richard and Sir Walter Titchborne, he not only furnished their occasions with ready money, but stood engaged for them for other moneys, the full sum whereof amounts to 500*l.*, which has been due to him about five years. Cannot obtain satisfaction in regard of a protection which they have got, notwithstanding they have estates sufficient to make good their debts and live like themselves. Prays leave to take a legal course for recovery of his debt. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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163. Order of Council upon the above petition of John Button. The Lords declared that the term limited in the said Sir Richard Titchborne's protection being expired, petitioner is left at liberty to take his course by law. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

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164. Petition of Henry Burton, clerk, prisoner in the Fleet, to the Council. Your Lordships, on petitioner's former petition for obtaining some liberty from his close imprisonment, resolved to declare your pleasures therein upon the putting in of his answer into the Court of Star Chamber, which was done on the 10th inst. Prays your Lordships in favour of petitioner, who has sustained close imprisonment for above 15 weeks, to the great hazard of his life in this hot and contagious season, to allow him such enlargement as may stand with your clemency and justice, and may suit also with the great importance and exigency of his cause, in the use of all lawful ways and means to the just prosecution and defence thereof. [*Underwritten, "Nil."* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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165. Petition of Gabriel Easenwood, servant to her Majesty, and of Richard Ellis, carpenter, to the same. Petitioners stand committed to the Fleet, Easenwood for building a house in Covent Garden upon ground of the Earl of Bedford, near a stable of the Earl of Salisbury, which house is in nowise contrary to the Earl's patent for building upon that ground; and Ellis for beginning a building near the same, which was desisted from before a stone or brick was laid, upon command from Justice Whitaker, notwithstanding petitioner had also a lease from the Earl of Bedford to build thereupon. Petitioners submit themselves and pray enlargement, in regard the one has present employment to attend the Queen's service, and the other is like to be undone by his imprisonment. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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166. Petition of Jerome Brett, captain of Southsea Castle, to the same. The carriages of the ordnance of the said castle are so

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much impaired that no use can be made thereof, and there is a want of all sorts of munition. Prays order to the Earl of Newport for a supply. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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167. Petition of John Holt, Mark Quested, Edmund Morgan, Thomas Clarke, Matthew Palmer, George Preston, and many others, creditors of Sir Allen Apsley, deceased, to the Council. Your Lordships on 5th inst. ordered the Auditors of the Imprest to make ready so much of Sir Allen Apsley's account as they shall warrant, and have vouchers for, and disallow the rest, viz., the accounts of 1626 and 1627, in respect they are signed but by three commissioners, namely, Sir John Wolstenholme, Sir Richard Sutton, and Dennis Fleming, which said two years will amount to 200,000*l*. Petitioners pray order to the auditors to allow so much as is already signed by the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington, and allowed by the three Commissioners of the Navy, in regard they were prepared by Sir Richard Sutton and auditor Bingley under an order of the Board dated 10th November 1630, now annexed, who upon examination thereof cancelled all the vouchers; or that Sec. Coke or Sir William Russell, who knew all the passages in those times, or Sir Robert Pye, there being no other commissioner now living, to sign the accounts; or to order the executors of Sir Allen Apsley to crave a privy seal for the allowance and passing of the accounts. [*Underwritten*, "*Nil*." $\frac{2}{3}$ p.] *Annexed*,

167. i. *Copy Order of Council of 10th November 1630, whereby on the petition of Dame Lucy Apsley, widow of Sir Allen, Sir Richard Sutton, one of the Auditors of the Imprest and one of the Commissioners of the Navy, and George Bingley, were directed to prepare and sign the accounts of Sir Allen Apsley.* [Endorsed is a copy of a note of the due execution of the order, signed by Sutton and Bingley. $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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168. Petition of Robert Rugge, Lieutenant of the Fort in Holy Island, to the Lords of the Admiralty. The King has re-established petitioner in his place after he has been detained here at great expense nine months wanting eight days. Being hopeless of any satisfaction from his captain, he beseeches the Lords to allow him 8*d*. per day in requital of his loss of time, for which, if they also give him the title of commissary, he will see that his Majesty shall never be cheated. He also solicits an Ensign Royal for the fort, and prays letters to the Bishop of Durham to see the abuses at the fort redressed, and that the soldiers to be entertained there are not lackies, grooms, or fugitives, nor brought in by bribery, but rather old soldiers of the dissolved garrison of Berwick, now living poorly after 4*d*. per day. Petitioner also prays redress for his sufferings in being turned out of the fort, with his wife and family and his goods, by Robert Nerne, a kinsman of his captain's lady, appointed by warrant from Sir James Ouchterlony to supply the place of lieutenancy. [1 p.]

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169. Petition of William Waad to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner, upon affidavits made by Capt. Dunning and others against him, was yesterday committed to the Marshalsea. Petitioner was sole victualler for the army in the time of Count Mansfeldt, for which his Majesty is yet indebted in a great sum to petitioner, and he to others who would come upon him to his ruin if he were known to be in custody. Expresses contrition, and prays enlargement. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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170. List of the saltpetremen, with their proportions of which each of them was bound to supply, with the dates of their contracts and the time for which they were in force. [2 pp.]

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171. Abstract of a grant of incorporation to the soapmakers of England and Wales, by the name of the "Governor, Assistants, and Commonalty of the Society of Soapmakers of London," with various powers for well ordering their trade. [$5\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]

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172. Articles objected by the Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiastical against Thomas Purslowe, of London, Gregory Dexter, and William Tayler, stationers or printers. They were charged with having printed or published a scandalous pamphlet or epistle thereunto showed to them at their examination, and they were exhorted to declare how many of them they printed, how much each of them composed, who brought the same to them to set, and what had become of the original. *Item*, that about two years since they printed in their master's house some sheets of paper called "Instructions to Churchwardens, &c.," of which many copies were dispersed in several places in London by them or with their consent. They were required to declare who brought the original, how many were printed, and how many dispersed, and what became of that original. *Item*, that in March or April last past, Nathaniel Wickens, Mr. Prynne's man, came to the printing house where defendants were at work, and knocked at the door hard by the press, and asked Dexter for a proof, and entreated him to bring it to Wickens's father's house in Newgate Market, saying that Mr. Prynne would presently be there. Dexter did so, and Mr. Prynne being told that the printer was within with the proof he went into an inner room, and having perused the proof, Mr. Wickens, the master of the house, came forth and persuaded Mr. Prynne's keeper to go up the stairs and not stay in the open shop, which he did, and immediately after Dexter came forth and returned home, the keeper having been carried up-stairs that he might not see Dexter. *Item*, that the very day after the copy was brought by Nathaniel Wickens to Dexter, Wickens came again and brought the first letter of the matter, being a great C, very curiously cut in boxwood and sealed up close in paper, and told Dexter, that his master would entreat him to let that be the first letter, which Dexter took and made use of accordingly. That the reason "why Mr. Prynne sent the said letter C was because it was a new letter, not known amongst any of the printers here in London, but was cut of purpose for his use, it being a very complete letter as ever you saw, for to look upon it the usual way it seemed a

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complete and perfect C but turn one side of it and it appeared a pope's head, and then turn it another way and there appeared an army of men and soldiers." They were then called upon to declare who cut or carved "the said seal," what was become thereof, in whose hands they last saw it, and what they conceived was meant by the C, what by the pope's head, and what by the army of men. [6 pp.]

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173. Answer of Gregory Dexter, of the parish of Christ Church, London, printer, to the preceding articles. About Easter last, Nathaniel Wickens, Mr. Prynne's man, came to examinant at his master's house in Newgate Market, and brought him the copy of a writing close sealed up, with a letter directed to examinant from Mr. Prynne, to print the enclosed copy, and that he would give examinant and William Tayler, his fellow printer, very good content. Thereupon they printed eight pages of the said writing, it being part of a scandalous epistle to a book which examinant never saw. He and Tayler printed 500 of one part, being four pages thereof, and a thousand of the other four pages, and that the schedule now showed to him is one of the four pages. The original copy examinant threw into the fire after they had finished one perfect proof, as he was directed by Mr. Prynne in his letter. Some four or five weeks before the printing of the epistle Mr. Prynne sent to examinant a letter sealed up, wherein was a little book called "Instructions to Churchwardens, &c.," and desired examinant to print the same as privately as he could, and thereupon examinant and Tayler printed a thousand, which he carried sealed up to the house of Mr. Wiggins [Wickens], a cheesemonger in Newgate Market, as directed by Mr. Prynne, who promised to send thither for them by a certain token. What afterwards became of the said books, or who dispersed or vented them, examinant knows not. Mr. Prynne gave examinant and William Tayler 30 or 40 shillings for their pains in printing them. Deposes to his interview with Mr. Prynne at the house in Newgate Market, as alleged in the preceding articles. Mr. Prynne then perused the proof he had brought, and delivered it again to him, desiring him to make as much haste as he could. Examinant also deposes to Wickens having brought him the first letter, as stated in the articles and that it was a new letter not known among the printers in London, but cut of purpose for this use, but whether it represented a pope's head one way and an army another examinant never observed, neither does he know who cut the same, nor in whose hands it now is, but believes it to have been returned to Mr. Prynne close sealed up. [5½ pp.]

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174. Statements ready to be deposed by Francis Whistler, Thomas Munford, John Halliwell, Thomas Randall, William Usher, Thomas Crick, Robert Edwards, Peter Packharnes, George King, and George Buckingham, in defence of Edward Alston, charged with defiling the vestry and riding into the church of Edwardstone, Suffolk. The defence was that the defilement was the act of "one of Mr. Brande's sons," and that Alston did not ride into church, but that his boy, without his master's knowledge, brought a horse within the

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church-door, being called in by some of the parish during "a terrible tempest." [2 pp.]

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175. Statement of Thomas Baker, of Mayfield, Sussex. On Wednesday before Easter Day last, about six o'clock at night, I received a note from Thomas Chaloner to meet him that night between Mayfield and Rotherfield in the footway, he being my ancient acquaintance in Oxford and the Inner Temple. I met him accordingly, and he told me that he was in trouble by reason of a book printed at Brussels and laid to his charge by a captain that would swear anything against him. He said he never wrote any book. I asked him if the same concerned the King or state. He told me that it concerned neither King nor state. He desired me to carry a letter for him to London, whither I was going. He delivered the same to me the next day at the inn at Penshurst. It was sealed up and directed to his brother, James Chaloner, to be delivered at his lodging in Fleet Street, or to his sister Barnefield in Drury Lane. I left the letter with Mrs. Barnefield and called for an answer. A gentlewoman at the house delivered me a letter sealed, and somewhat therewith, also sealed up in a paper, which I conceive was gold. On Saturday, as I rode homewards, Thomas Chaloner met me in the highway at Forest Row, near Grinstead, and then I delivered him the letter and paper. States subsequent interviews with Chaloner at Catstreet on 24th April, and on the 4th instant between Hailsham and Heathfield, when he expressed his intention to go beyond seas. [2 pp.]

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176. Names of the Deputy Lieutenants of co. Lincoln who are to examine the exactions upon the trained bands with the days and places appointed for their meetings. The Commissioners were Lord Castleton, Sir Thomas Monson, Sir William Pelham, Sir William Thorold, Sir Edward Hussey, Sir Anthony Irby, Sir Charles Bolles, Capt. Ogle, and Capt. Markham. [1 p.]

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177. Petition of Thomas Payne, stationer, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner two years past, being newly set up in the art of a printer, as a journeyman, fell acquainted with William Jones, a master printer, who moved petitioner to be copartner with him, and thereupon drew him into acquaintance with one Wayman, a familiar friend of Jones, to whom he was much indebted and privately had made over all his estate by deed of gift, which was altogether unknown to petitioner. Upon a meeting made of purpose to draw on petitioner, Wayman offered Jones 150*l.* to be joined with him in copartnership, and tendered the same in petitioner's presence, being a very trick of cunning, and a show made between Jones and Wayman. Whereupon petitioner paid Jones 150*l.* and entered into copartnership with him, with which 150*l.* Jones satisfied Wayman and others, and is now unable to satisfy petitioner. Prays that when the Archbishop settles the number of master printers he will consider the distressed estate of petitioner. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten.*

177. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe, to give account to the Archbishop what he thinks of the suggestions and prayer*

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of the above at their next meeting. 5th June 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
Annexed,

177. II. *Petition of the same Thomas Payne to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner served his apprenticeship with a printer, and is a freeman of the Company of Stationers, and since hath used the same art about nine years. About Midsummer last he became partner with William Jones, and paid 150*l.* for the half share, and since bought the whole printing house, and all Jones's right therein, which will cost him 111*l.* more; and though he paid so much for the same, yet it cannot be prized at above 80*l.*, and the remainder petitioner pays for his title in the same printing house. Prays the archbishop to confirm him a printer; and as he has kept himself free from all ill courses, he shall still endeavour to do the like.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

177. III. *Petition of the same to the same. Petitioner having for 17 years served in the press, and gained 150*l.*, about Midsummer last he employed that money in partnership with William Jones, from whose factious and seditious courses petitioner has ever been free. Prays that Jones's sin may not be petitioner's punishment, and that the archbishop, according to his decree appointed for printers, will prevent the ruin that is like to come upon petitioner and all his.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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178. *Petition of William Frubbusher [Frobisher], wine cooper, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner was bound apprentice to Thomas Ryley, wine cooper, and marrying before his time was out, was to pay his master 38*l.* for the time he had to serve, 5*l.* whereof he has paid; and since being impressed into his Majesty's service, his master has arrested him, cast him into the King's Bench, and will take no satisfaction. Prays release.* [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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179. *Petition of the same to Algernon Earl of Northumberland, General of the Fleet. Prays the Earl's warrant for his release, the fact of his impressment being attested, and the petition being written in Frobisher's name, by John Harris, master of the Royal Defence.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Book containing an account of the money raised in Essex for fitting out a ship of 800 tons appointed by his Majesty to be ready at Portsmouth on 1st March 1636-7. The account states the name of every inhabitant in every parish in the county assessed to the tax and the amount with which he was charged. It was returned to

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the Council in accordance with an order of the King in Council made the 23rd April last, upon occasion of a complaint then exhibited against the proceedings of the sheriff. [164 pages, of which four are blank.]

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Returns made to the Council, or the Lord Mayor, of what houses occupied by poor persons had been built within the parish or liberty to which each return relates, within the last seven years; what houses had been divided into several tenements before or since that period; and by whom the same were occupied.

I. *Returns for the ward of Aldersgate, comprising separate returns for,—*

- i. *The parish of St. Anne and St. Agnes. Dated 7th April 1637. [1 p.]*
- ii. *The like of St. John Zachary. Dated as above. [1 p.]*
- iii. *The like of St. Leonard. Dated as above. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]*

II. *Return for the ward of Bassishaw, dated 18th April 1637. It is mentioned that "the Company of Free Masons" had divided part of their common hall over their kitchen into three tenements, occupied by Alexander Norden, John Watkins, and Robert Wheatley, of which the first two were now chargeable to the parish. [2 pp.]*

III. *Return for the ward of Bishopsgate. [20 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]*

IV. *The like for Bridge ward within. Messuages are mentioned, called the Holy Lamb, in Thames Street, and the Globe, in New Fish Street. Jerusalem Alley, and an inn called the Saracen's Head, are noticed in St. Benet, Gracechurch Street. [2 pp.]*

V. *The like for Bread Street ward. Under the parish of St. Margaret Moses, it is stated that Thomas Burden keeps a hot press in his cellar, very dangerous, for which he has been indicted; and under St. Mildred, Bread Street, "Mr. Violet hath Mr. Latimore, his wife, and two other inmates, who answer peremptorily they will not avoid." [1 p.]*

VI. *The like for Broad Street ward, comprising separate returns for,—*

- i. *The parish of St. Benet Fink. 6th April 1637. [1 p.]*
- ii. *The like of St. Christopher's. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

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- iii. *The precinct of St. Martin, Outwich.* 5th April 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- iv. *The like of St. Mildred's.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- v. *The parish of Allhallows-in-the-Wall.* [$2\frac{2}{3}$ pp.]
- vi. *The like of St. Peter-the-Poor.* In this return mention is made of a house in an alley, which was greatly pestered with French lodgers, that at sometimes 18 of them have lain in the said house; not so much chargeable to the parish as dangerous in respect of the present contagion. The same return concludes with, "Ten children found in the street, which are kept at the charge of the parish, and brought up and placed forth by them, coming to years." [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- vii. *The like of St. Bartholomew, near the Royal Exchange.* [$2\frac{1}{4}$ pp.]
- VII. *Return for the ward of Candlewick Street, comprising,—*
 - i. *The parish of St. Martin, Orgars.* 28th March 1637. [2 pp. and 2 lines.]
 - ii. *The like of St. Clement's, Eastcheap.* 30th March 1637. [1 p.]
 - iii. *The like of St. Mary, Abchurch.* 1st April 1637. [1 p.]
 - iv. *The like of St. Lawrence, Pountney.* 30th April 1637. [1 p.]
 - v. *The like of St. Michael, Crooked Lane.* 30th April 1637. [1 p.]
- VIII. *The like for the ward of Cheap, comprising returns for,—*
 - i. *The parish of St. Benet, Sherehog, with the precinct of St. Stephen's.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
 - ii. *Soper Lane.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
 - iii. *Cateaton Street and St. Lawrence Lane.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
 - iv. *The parish of St. Mary, Colechurch.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
 - v. *The precinct of St. Mary-le-Bow, and the parish of Allhallows, Honey Lane.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
 - vi. *The parish of St. Mildred.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
 - vii. *The like of St. Martin's, Ironmonger Lane.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

All the separate papers in No. viii. are dated on the 19th April 1637.
- IX. *The like for St. Margaret, Lothbury, in the ward of Coleman Street.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- X. *The like for Cordwainers' ward, comprising,—*
 - i. *The parish of St. Mary-le-Bow.* Dated May 1637. [1 p.]

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- ii. *The parish of St. Mary, Aldermanbury. Dated 1st April 1637. [2 pp.]*
- iii. *The like of St. Antholin's. It is stated there had been only one house in that parish visited by the sickness during the year then past, but that had put the parish to the charge of 15*l*. [1 p.]*
- XI. *Return for Cornhill ward. 17th April 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*
- XII. *The like for the ward of Cripplegate, comprising returns for,—*
 - i. *The parish of St. Alban, Wood Street. It is mentioned of a divided house in Silver Street, that 10 several families dwell in so many several rooms, divers of which have also lodgers; all which dwellers are either pensioners of the parish or receive alms of the parish in money, bread, or coals. 5th April 1637. [$2\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]*
 - ii. *The like of St. Alphage. Richard Rogers, joiner, had taken one of the chiefest houses in the parish and divided it into three tenements for poor tradesmen. 8th April 1637. [1 p.]*
 - iii. *The like of St. Mary, Aldermanbury. 8th April 1637. [1 p.]*
 - iv. *The like of St. Olave, Silver Street. 13th April 1637. [3 pp.]*
 - v. *The precinct of St. Lawrence. 17th April 1637. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]*
 - vi. *The parish of St. Mary Magdalen, Milk Street. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]*
 - vii. *The like of St. Michael's, Wood Street. 6th April 1637. [1 p.]*
- XIII. *The like for the ward of Dowgate, comprising returns,—*
 - i. *For the parish of Little Allhallows. Sir Francis Clarke's house contained 11 married couples and 15 single persons, of whom 7 were widows. [4 pp.]*
 - ii. *The like for St. Lawrence, Pountney. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*
 - iii. *The like for Allhallows-the-Great, Thames Street. [3 pp.]*
- XIV. *The like for the ward of Farringdon Within, comprising returns for the parishes of,—*
 - i. *Christ Church. [7 pp.]*
 - ii. *St. Foster's. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*
 - iii. *St. Anne, Blackfriars. "By the Playhouse Yard" there is a house of which "Mr. Burbidge" is landlord, and "Peter Kempe" tenant. It contains as inmates "Edward Martin, Widow Field, and Richard Benad." In this parish there is a considerable number of French inmates. [5 pp.]*

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- iv. *St. Faith.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- v. *St. Augustine's.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- vi. *St. Martin's, Ludgate.* [1 p.]

xv. *The like returns for Langbourn ward, comprising the parishes of,—*

- i. *St. Mary Woolnoth.* 31st March 1637. [2 pp.]
- ii. *St. Edmund's, Lombard Street.* [$1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
- iii. *Allhallows, Lombard Street.* 30th March 1637. [1 p.]
- iv. *St. Nicholas Acon's.* [1 p.]
- v. *All Saints [Allhallows], Staining.* 10th April 1637. [1 p.]
- vi. *St. Dionis, Backchurch.* 13th April 1637. [1 p.]
- vii. *St. Gabriel, Fenchurch.* 4th April 1637. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

xvi. *The like for the ward of Lime Street, comprising,—*

- i. *Part of the Parish of St. Andrew, Undershaft.* 5th April 1637. [1 p.]
- ii. *The like of St. Peter-upon-Cornhill.* 6th April 1637. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

xvii. *The like for Portsoken ward, comprising a full return of the inmates and divided houses in St. Botolph's, Aldgate.* [15 pp.]

xviii. *The like for Tower ward, comprising,—*

- i. *St. Dunstan-in-the-East.* [$5\frac{1}{4}$ pp.]
- ii. *St. Olave's, Hart Street.* [1 p.]
- iii. *Allhallows, Barking.* [3 pp.]

xix. *The like for Vintry ward, comprising,—*

- i. *St. Martin's, Vintry.* [3 pp.]
- ii. *St. James at Garlickhithe.* [1 p.]
- iii. *St. Thomas Apostle.* [1 p.]
- iv. *St. Michael Royal.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

xx. *The like for the ward of Walbrook, comprising,—*

- i. *St. Swithin's parish.* [1 p.]
- ii. *St. Mary, Woolchurch.* [$1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
- iii. *St. Stephen's, Walbrook.* [1 p.]
- iv. *St. John-upon-Walbrook.* 8th April 1637. [1 p.]
- v. *St. Mary, Bothaw.* 4th April 1637. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- vi. *St. Mary, Abchurch.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

xxi. *Return for the precinct of St. Martin's-le-Grand.* 18th April 1637. [1 p.]

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XXII. *Return made to the Council for the Temple Bar ward, the Middle ward, and the Church ward, in the Duchy liberty, with a certificate of all the houses that had been visited with plague in 1636 in the said liberty, with the charges thereof to the parish of St. Clement Danes (51l. 0s. 1d.) Also a return of divided houses in St. Mary, Savoy, with a paper attached signed by Lawrence Whitaker, containing the numbers of persons and families within the parishes of St. Clement's and St. Mary Savoy, like to be chargeable by reason of poverty, with the numbers of houses built and divided in those parishes since 1603. [Paper roll = 8 pp., with paper attached = $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

XXIII. *Similar returns for the borough of Southwark, comprising,—*

- i. *The parish of St. Thomas. 5th April 1637. [2 pp.]*
- ii. *The liberty of Old Paris Garden, in the parish of St. Saviour's. This comprises the names of the ground landlords, the lessees, the tenants in possession, a statement of how long the several houses had been built, and the amount of charge which had been brought upon the parish by each person visited since Pentecost then last (the total being 90l. 7s. 6d.), with an apportionment of that amount upon every landlord. 28th March 1637. [6 pp.]*
- iii. *Another return for the same liberty, here termed the Old "Parish" Garden, of all such poor as had been chargeable within the said period, with a similar apportionment of the total amount (52l. 10s. 5d.) among the ground landlords. 28th March 1637. [2 pp.]*
- iv. *Return for the Borough side of St. Saviour's parish. Total charge of visited houses since Pentecost, 275l. 15s. 1d. 5th April 1637. [4 pp.]*
- v. *The like for the Clink liberty. Several particulars are stated of the owners and occupiers of houses in Globe Alley. [4 pp.]*

XXIV. *Return for the parish of Newington, Surrey. Total expended on plague patients since Pentecost, 118l. 18s. 5th April 1637. [5 pp.]*

XXV. *The like for the parish of Lambeth, comprising separate returns for,—*

- i. *The Lord Archbishop's liberty. Among the owners of houses mention is made of Mrs. Johan Goudge, of Lambeth. [4 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]*
- ii. *The Prince's liberty. Mr. Lawrence Whittegere [Whitaker], of Drury Lane, was owner of one tenement. [3 pp.]*

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- iii. *Lambeth Marsh.* [1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- iv. *South Lambeth.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- v. *Lambeth Dean.* [1 p.]
- vi. *Return of owners' names whose tenants have been chargeable since Pentecost, with the charge in each case. 5th April 1637.* [5 pp.]

All these returns are signed by the respective parochial authorities, and are applicable to a variety of topographical and other literary purposes.

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Volume containing Funeral Certificates prepared by heralds, some originals and some copies. They range from 1637 to 1640, and will all be found entered in our calendar under their respective dates, except the following article, which occurs at p. 236, and should have been placed under the date of 1634:—"Instructions for those that are to go our marshals in the several visitations this year." [1 p.]

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Shrewsbury.

1. Justices of Peace for Salop to the Council. According to directions, we sent for the maltsters within our limits, and signified his Majesty's intention. The names of such as desire to continue maltsters and be conformable are in the enclosed paper. There appeared others who disclaimed to use the trade any longer. To those who desired to continue we gave notice to attend your Lordships before the 1st of August. [1 p.] *Enclosed,*

1. I. *Names of such persons as desire to continue maltsters within the hundreds of Bradford North, Bradford South, Pimhill, Condover, Oswestry, and Ford, in Salop; 119 names arranged by their parishes.* [1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

1. II. *Presentment of Roger Trevor, high constable of the hundred of Oswestry, that the bailiffs of that town (Arthur Ward and Oliver Payne) had not made their appearance or return, although the warrant was read in the church.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

June 1.

Custom House,
London.

2. Sir John Wolstenholme to the same. The *Alexander*, of London, Robert Zachary master, bound for the Madeiras, was entered in the Custom House outwards on the 10th May last, and divers merchants have shipped goods therein, and paid custom and duties. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Enclosed,*

2. I. *List of the captain and crew of the Alexander, 29 in all.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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June 1.

3. Petition of Thomas Bardoll and William Blundwick, late Churchwardens of Allhallows, Huntingdon, to Archbishop Laud. The parish church of Allhallows being fallen into great decay in the leads and material parts, a levy or rate (by consent of the minister and the better sort of the parish) was made for the reparation, which is since very well done. By virtue of the said rate petitioners gathered most part of the money, but William Patrick, innkeeper, denied payment, whereupon petitioners presented him to the ordinary, who called petitioners to justify their presentment. Petitioners' proctor erring in the proceeding, Patrick appealed to the Arches, where by reason of the said error petitioners are condemned in costs. There is now a new rate made for strengthening the steeple, almost ready to fall, and making a new communion table and rail. Divers being hardened by Patrick's example refuse payment thereof, although the work be done. Pray order for petitioners' relief. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

3. 1. *Reference by Archbishop Laud to Sir John Lambe. To be careful that petitioners have all lawful favour showed them with expedition, that the church suffer no further for the wilfulness of one man, especially considering that proctors of good note do sometimes mistake in drawing up their orders, and occasion their clients to lose a good cause. Sir John is to take care of this business, and give it speedy and special audience. 1st June 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

June $\frac{1}{2}$.Parrisce.
[Paris.]

4. Francis Windebank to his father, Sec. Windebank. This is his brother's fit day. Having entered into a course of physic by Dr. Davison's directions, he puts him into good hopes of curing his ague, which will stay them there longer than they determined formerly, yet hope their stay will be short. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 2.

5. Agreement between Robert Earl of Lindsey, Lord High Chamberlain, Sir William Killigrew, and Robert Long of the one part, and Sir Dudley North of the other part. The Earl, Sir William Killigrew, and Robert Long, as undertakers of the Great Level lying along the river Witham from Lincoln to Bourn, were to have 600 acres of Gosberton Fen, as parcel of 24,000 acres decreed to the Earl for his recompence of draining the said fens. The Earl, Killigrew, and Long, in consideration of 600*l.*, agreed to sell to Sir Dudley North 200 acres, to be set out of the 600 acres, under the rent of 4*d.* per acre. [*Counterpart with signature and seal of Sir Dudley North. 1 p.*]

June 3.

6. Petition of Thomas Earl of Kellie to the King. Your Majesty, about July last, referred the differences between petitioner and his wife to the determining of the Lord Keeper and the Lord Privy Seal, and in case they could not determine the same your Majesty would be umpire; which course not having taken effect, petitioner's cause received a hearing in the Court of Requests on the 6th February last, when the Lord Privy Seal and the Council thought

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fit to forbear pronouncing any decree until they had represented to your Majesty the true state of the cause, and received your direction. Petitioner prays your Majesty to command the Lord Privy Seal to attend, that so your Majesty may give direction for ending thereof. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Written in the margin by Sec. Windbank,*

6. 1. "*His Majesty to be moved herein when the Lord Privy Seal shall be present.*"

June 3.
Whitehall.

7. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Despatch Capt. Ketelby, and sign his warrants and instructions, and a letter to the Lord Deputy. Consider certificate of Officers of Ordnance touching Mr. Evelyn's petition. Peruse a letter from the Officers of the Navy. Consider a note from the French Ambassador, and a reference from the King upon the petition of Dennis Fleming, clerk of the Navy, concerning the putting off his place to Fra[n]cis Williamson. Peruse a petition of Capt. Brett for supply of Southsea Castle. William Furbusher, a cooper, pressed into the Royal Defence, being arrested, petitions to be released. Consider petitions of Caleb Cockcroft and Thomas Goslin concerning gunpowder imported from Ham-burgh before they knew of the proclamation prohibiting the same. The Treasurer of the Navy says that it is very necessary that Peter Pett, the shipwright, should reside at Deptford, to survey such stores as come into that yard, without which nothing can be received, and that it will cost the King more to pay his charge of coming in and out thither than his house-rent will come to; besides there is a house of the King's for him there. [1 p.]

June 3.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to a messenger not named. To bring Thomas Ryley and James Mason, the latter of St. Sepulchre's [London,] vintner, before the Lords of the Admiralty to answer matters to be objected against them. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 24 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

June 3.
Whitehall.

The same to Thomas Earl of Wentworth, Lord Deputy of Ireland. We have appointed Capt. Thomas Ketelby to be admiral of the ships employed for guard of the coast of Ireland in place of Sir Beverley Newcomen, and have given him the like instructions as Sir Beverley. We are confident you will find him sufficient and very diligent. If you encourage him with your favour you will have him ready to settle in those parts. [*Copy. Ibid., 25 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

June 3.
Whitehall.

The same to Officers of Navy. We understand by your letter that there is want of an able man to assist the master shipwrights in the works at Chatham, and that you have recommended Augustine Boate, who has been employed in the said trust, but complains that he is unpaid part of his means, being day wages. You are to take order that the arrears of wages be paid, and to continue him an assistant, with such wages as his father, Edward Boate, had in the said employment. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 26 b. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

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Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Henry Marten. We have heard the differences between the Earl of Suffolk, Vice-Admiral of Dorset, and Edward Sydenham, captain of Portland and steward of his Majesty's manor there, touching money taken up on the sands there below high-water mark, and have considered a certificate under the hands of divers ancient inhabitants in the said isle, that by ancient custom they have ever had all wrecks and Admiralty droits so far into the sea as they could from the shore discern "a humberkin." As no grant is produced by the captain, making it appear that the rights of the Admiralty belong to the lord of the manor, we conceive all droits of Admiralty ought to be taken by those who are accountable in the Admiralty for the same, and therefore that whosoever has got into his hands any of the said moneys found below high-water mark, or any other profits of Admiralty, should deliver the same to the Vice-Admiral of Dorset, to be accounted for. For the more regular ordering thereof we remit the business to you, praying you to settle the same as may clear all further questions for the future. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 27. 1 p.*]

June 3.
Whitehall.

The same to all Admirals and Prestmasters. The Alexander, of London, manned with the men under named, is ready to sail for the Western Islands. You are to permit the said vessel to proceed without taking out any of her crew. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 27 b. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]

June 3.
Whitehall.

Order of Lords of the Admiralty on the petition of Robert Rugge, Lieutenant of the fort in Holy Island. Recites the said petition, already calendared Vol. cccliv., No. 54. Having heard Sir James Ouchterlony and the petitioner, who further complained that Sir James had put him out of his office, and having considered a certificate of divers deputy lieutenants, calendared Vol. cccliv. No. 56, II., and finding the complaint true in effect, and having reported the same to his Majesty, he had ordered that Sir James should resign his letters patents of captain of the said fort for life, to the end that another grant may be made to him during pleasure, and if he refuse to surrender, then the Attorney-General is by *quo warranto* to avoid the same. That the lieutenant shall be restored to his place; that 18 men, beside the captain and lieutenant, shall be constantly kept there, according to the institution; that the captain shall not henceforth receive more than his own salary; and that the lieutenant and the rest shall be paid by the receiver of the county; and, lastly, that Sir James shall forthwith pay to Rugge all his pay and other disbursements, and, if he refuse or delay, the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington are to order the receiver of the county to pay the same out of pay due or to grow due to Sir James. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 25 b. $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

June 3.
Whitehall.

The like on petition of Lebbeus Crofts, gunner of the Tower, for leave to take the benefit of the law against Richard Jones, gunner of the ship the St. Dennis, for a debt of 10*l*. It was ordered that Jones should satisfy petitioner within three months, or else after that time petitioner might take his course of law against Jones, [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 26 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

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June 3. Minute of the appearance of Richard Wyatt, merchant, before the Lords of the Admiralty this day. He is to attend until discharged. [See Vol. cccliii., fol. 24. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

June 3. Similar minute of the appearance of Anthony Kirle. [Ibid.,
Whitehall. fol. 24 b. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

June 3. Commissioners for Saltpetre and Gunpowder to the East India
Whitehall. Company. We agreed on 22nd May last to give for all saltpetre now rough in the Company's hands 3*l.* 10*s.* the hundred, to be paid the 1st August next. We have appointed Samuel Cordewell, his Majesty's gunpowder maker, to refine the said saltpetre, and request you to deliver the same to Cordewell. [Copy. See Vol. ccxcvii., fol. 49. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 3. Order of the same Commissioners on the petition of Caleb
Whitehall. Cockroft, merchant, desiring leave either to land six hogsheads of gunpowder brought in by the Grace, of London, contrary to his desire, after the publishing of the proclamation, or to ship it out again free of duties. The Commissioners desired the Lord Treasurer to order the Officers of Customs to permit petitioner to re-ship the gunpowder for Leghorn, he putting in security to bring certificate from that port that the same is there landed. [Copy. Ibid., fol. 49. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 3. Similar order on petition of Thomas Goslin, showing that he
Whitehall. bought beyond seas ten barrels of powder, which since he came home is seized as a commodity prohibited to be imported. The Commissioners desired the Lord Treasurer to order the Officers of Customs to permit petitioner to re-ship the same to Hamburgh. [Copy. Ibid., fol. 50. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 3. 8. Articles exhibited to the Commissioners for Saltpetre by
Christopher Wren, Dean of Windsor and Rector of Knoyle Magna or Episcopi, Wilts, against Thomas Thornhill, saltpetremen, for damage done by digging for saltpetre in the pigeon-house of the said rectory. There had been two diggings in this pigeon-house, one by Helyar, whom Thornhill then served, about eight years ago, the other by Thornhill in March 1636-7. On the first occasion the pigeon-house, built of massy stone walls 20 feet high, was so shaken that the rector was forced to buttress up the east side thereof. On the last occasion the foundation was undermined, and the north wall fell in. The loss to the rector had been that of three breeds, whereof the least never yielded fewer than 30 or 40 dozen, and of the whole flight, which forsook the house, and the rector stands endangered to the law for dilapidations. Thornhill has refused all recompence, telling the dean that the King must bear him out. The dean desires that Thornhill may make full recompence according to the King's pleasure signified on behalf of the dean, who is registrar of the Garter, at the last chapter of the Order in Whitehall on 18th April last. [$\frac{5}{6}$ p.] Underwritten.

8. 1. Order of the Lords that Thornhill answer these articles by that day sennight. Whitehall, 3rd June 1637. [$\frac{1}{6}$ p]

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9. Answer of John Evelyn to a charge of non-fulfilment of his contracts certified against him by the Office of Ordnance. He alleges, on his own behalf, the failure of the saltpetremen to bring in their stipulated amounts of saltpetre, which limited his manufacture of gunpowder, and the failure of the Exchequer to pay him in due time for the gunpowder which he actually brought in. He adds an account of the quantities which the saltpetremen had failed to deliver under each of his contracts from 1621 to the close of his engagement, and a statement of the times at which he had been paid for the powder delivered by him. [20 pp., of which 10 are blank.]

June 3.

10. Note of money which James Millward, constable of Batcombe, had disbursed, by reason of James Aish's complaint against him to the Council and to the Sheriff of Somerset. Total, 8*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* *Underwritten,*

10. 1. *Note by Nicholas, taxing the above bill at 6*l.* 13*s.*, which was to be paid by Mr. Aish. 3rd June 1637. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

June 3.

11. Case respecting the right of the parish of R. [Reculver, Kent] to enforce a payment for the repair of their parish church from the inhabitants of the chapelries of N. [St. Nicholas at Wade] and H. [Hoath]. The right had been disputed in 1528, when the ordinary, by consent of all parties, settled that N. and H. should pay a certain sum yearly, with proviso for the parishes to be as before if they failed in payment. The payments were now five years behind. Under this case there are written the opinions of Dr. Thomas Rives, Dr. Arthur Duck, Dr. Thomas Eden, and Dr. John Exton. [*Copy.* 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]

June 3.

12. The copy of the above case laid before Dr. Thomas Eden, with his original opinion thereon. In this copy of the case there are supplied several important words, respecting the payment settled in 1528 to be made by Hoath, which are not found in the copy in the preceding article. [2 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]

June 3.

13. Note by Edward Fenn of ship-money received by Sir William Russell since the last certificate of 27th May. Total, 1,210*l.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 3.

14. Account of ship-money levied under writ of October 1636, and remaining in the hands of the sheriffs; total, 10,393*l.*, making with 137,459*l.* paid to Sir William Russell, 147,852*l.* as the sum collected. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 3.
Lambeth.

15. Archbishop Laud to Dr. Isaac Bargrave, Dean of Canterbury. It troubles him to have taken so much care for that church with so little success, one peevish difference or another still arising to disturb all that is well meant. 1. The archbishop is content to respite the dean's answer to his articles till their chapter at Midsummer, the more of them being then present. 2. The muniments cannot be kept too safe, and the archbishop is of opinion there ought to be more than one key to that door which leads to them. The dean is not to

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resign his keys, but other keys are to be fitted as the new statutes require. 3. As to the difference concerning the choice of Baylie, the archbishop is sorry for such idle differences as fall out amongst them. Requires those who differ from the dean in the choice of Baylie to give their reasons briefly under their own hands. 4. True the archbishop expressed himself to Mr. Comptroller that he thought it might be fit for a tenant to inhabit Mr. [du] Moulin's prebendal house, he living out of the kingdom, but he cannot hold it seemly that other prebends should let away their houses. If they do, the archbishop will be driven to deny what he has already granted, rather than set open such an inconvenient door. 5. As to repairing the deanery, wishes the dean to speak with the prebends, and see what they will say concerning it, and then the archbishop will do what is reasonable. For the vault, returns him Mr. Anyan's letter, and when Sir Nathaniel Brent comes down, if he finds the vault belongs to the deanery, he will cause it to be restored. Should be very glad to hear there were peace among them. [*Copy. Endorsed by the Archbishop. 1½ p.*]

June 3. See "Papers relating to Appointments in the Navy."

June 4. Petition of James Marquis of Hamilton, Edward Earl of Dorset, Henry Earl of Holland, and Leonard Lee, to the King. For many causes all provision and other things are enhanced to an excess rate, and are like to increase. There are many thousand acres of heath and barren commons in England and Wales, not annually worth sixpence an acre, to which your Majesty has right of soil but no benefit thereby, which may be improved to a great value, cause plenty of provision, enrich many thousands, supply the poor, raise a great benefit to your Majesty, and be no prejudice to any. Petitioners pray authority to inquire what heaths and barren common in which your Majesty has right of soil may be improved, and to agree with the commoners or possessors for improvement thereof. Petitioners will render to your Majesty one third part of whatsoever benefit shall accrue thereby. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 89. ¾ p.*]
Underwritten,

i. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer, calling to him the Attorney and Solicitor General, and if the Lord Treasurer finds that the business will tend to the advancement of the revenue, as suggested, to prepare a bill for his Majesty's signature. Whitehall, 4th June 1637. [Copy. Ibid. ¼ p.]*

June 4. Petition of Sir Ralph Freeman to the same. There are divers encroached and concealed lands out of your Majesty's wastes within the lordships of Denbigh and Bromfield and Yale, in co. Denbigh, and within the lordship of Meleneth, co. Radnor, and out of lands belonging to the late monastery of Talley, co. Carmarthen, which lands are held for the proper inheritance of divers persons, though the right belongs to your Majesty. Petitioner prays grant of such lands as he shall recover, reserving to your Majesty three halfpence for every acre for

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a fee-farm rent, as in like cases has been done in Wales. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 90. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*] *Underwritten,*

1. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer, who, finding the business not prejudicial to his Majesty's service, is to order Mr. Attorney to prepare a bill for his Majesty's signature. [Ibid., p. 90. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

June 4. Lords of the Admiralty to all Admirals, Pressmasters, and others.
Whitehall. To free the crew (who are all named) of the Unity, of the Isle of Wight, bound for Virginia, from being pressed. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 28. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

June 4. Minute of the appearance of Thomas Ryley and James Mason before the Lords of the Admiralty. They were to attend until discharged. [*Ibid., fol. 24 b. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]

June 4. 16. Algernon Earl of Northumberland, Admiral and General of
Salisbury Court. the Fleet, to Sir John Pennington, Vice-Admiral, on board the Swiftsure in the Downs. His Majesty has signified his pleasure for transportation of Mons. Rouvenie (sent hither by the French King) to Calais or Dieppe. Pennington is to give order for some ship to be ready to receive and transport him, and having performed that service to return to the Downs. [*Endorsed by Sir John as received on the 10th. Fine impression of the Earl's seal. 1 p.*]

June 4. 17. Petition of Jane Hathaway, defendant, to Henry Earl of Manchester, Lord Privy Seal. The Earl on Burlton's cross bill ordered that the churchwardens of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields should certify the wants of reparation of the tenements in question at Soho. They have certified that it will amount to 14*l.* 5*s.*, besides the half year's rent due at Lady Day last. Petitioner beseeches the Earl to be good to her and to take such course as he shall think best. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

17. I. *Order by the Earl for the plaintiff to show cause the first day of the next [term] why the rent and repairs should not be paid. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*

June 4. 18. Sir Humphrey Mildmay, late Sheriff of Essex, to Sir Dudley
Danbury. Carleton, Clerk of the Council. Having had a letter from the Board of the 8th May about the complaints of John Burley and Robert Spicer against George Collvell, of Great Warley, that was collector of ship-money in part of my year, I have desired Collvell to give them satisfaction for the moneys he has detained of the parishes more than he has paid to me for his Majesty. To this motion he has been refractory, wherefore I have taken his recognizance in 100*l.* to attend the Lords the 11th inst., and Burley and Spicer have promised to attend and prosecute him. The day I am to attend the Board in my complaints of Thomas Latham is the 16th inst., at which time I hope to let the Lords see how just my complaints are, and the manifest breach of the order in his running into the King's Bench to encumber us with suits to the great loss and disturbance of us all. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

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June 4.
Claverton.

19. William Bassett, late Sheriff of Somerset, to Nicholas. Since my last letter, moneys have come in very slowly and upon troublesome terms, for there is scarce any paid without distress taken or distress granted; yet, to show my diligence in the service, I have paid to Sir William Russell 5,700*l.* (besides the towns corporate, who intend to pay their money in themselves, I have received but 20*l.* from Evelchester [Ilchester] amongst them all), though I have received but 4,900*l.*, and so out of purse 800*l.*, which will be long gathering, for most distresses in the low feeding country are not to be taken, in regard they mow much of their ground through dislike of unequal assessment, which is impossible to be reformed, it being so general. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 5.

20. Petition of Henry Morse, prisoner in Newgate, to the King. Francis Newton, a man of an infamous life and behaviour, adjudged by the Common Pleas to be thrown over the bar, and since his employment as pursuivant convinced of many abuses, lately indicted petitioner upon pretence of being a priest, and for perverting divers of your Majesty's subjects in their religion. Petitioner was acquitted for the pretended perverting, and found guilty of being a priest upon the sole testimony of Newton that petitioner had confessed himself to be a priest to him, which was most untrue, but by your Majesty's clemency there was no sentence given for the same. Petitioner prays that as your Majesty has preserved him from death by law, you will free him from death in that prison, which infallibly must ensue by his present sickness and the closeness of that place, where by its great noisomeness and the heats of the summer, with the infection thereabouts, his sickness is increased and his life endangered if he has not speedy liberty. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

20. 1. *Certificate of John More and Thomas Turner, physicians, that Morse is inclining to a consumptive indisposition, so far as unless he has liberty of fresh air and freedom from the noisomeness of the prison his remedies will have ill success and his life not be out of danger. 5th June 1637. [1 p.]*

June 5.

21. Petition of Sir Robert Coke, son and heir of Sir Edward Coke, deceased, to the same. The Lord Keeper gave notice to petitioner of your Majesty's pleasure to hear the cause depending in Chancery between Lady Elizabeth, late wife of Sir Edward, plaintiff, against petitioner and other of the sons of Sir Edward, and others defendants, and that publication should pass toward the end of next Trinity term. It is petitioner's greatest happiness that your Majesty vouchsafes to hear the cause, but publication cannot so speedily pass by the rules of the court, nor without great disadvantage of the defendants. 1. Because there has yet been no witness examined on the defendants' part, nor any commission gone forth. 2. The bill questions all the personal estate and most of the manors and lands of Sir Edward, and draws into examination divers promises and articles, and in effect most of the passages between Sir Edward and

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complainant from and before their intermarriage until his death, being of 36 years' continuance. 3. Defendants' witnesses are many, and live dispersedly in remote counties. 4. The defendants live remote from London, and far distant one from another. Petitioner prays respite of publication until the second or third return of Michaelmas term next. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.] *Underwritten*,

21. I. *Order to the Lord Keeper to attend his Majesty to receive directions herein. St. James's, 6th June 1637. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.] Annexed,*

21. II. *Reference to the Lord Privy Seal and Sec. Windebank to report whether there be such necessity of deferring the publication as is alleged. [Copy. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

June 5.

Petition of Sir James Hay, Archibald Hay, and Richard Hurst, to the King. Recites previous petition of the same petitioners with the reference to the Solicitor-General and his report, already calendared in Vol. cccliv., No. 46. Prays the King, for avoiding suits of law, which will exhaust the estate, to refer the business to the Lord Treasurer and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with directions to observe the Solicitor's certificate and payments to be made therefrom by the farmers [of the Customs]. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 155. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.] *Underwritten*,

I. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington, accordingly. St. James's, 5th June 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 156. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

II. *The Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington to the King. Have called before them the petitioners and the creditors of the late Earl of Carlisle, who have assignments upon the Earl's pension of 3,000l. per annum payable out of the impost of tobacco. The petitioners demand funeral charges before assignments; the creditors allege many reasons, which are here stated, why their assignments should not be interrupted. The referees are of opinion that petitioners should have 1,500l. paid them for funeral charges, but the creditors are to receive the same, and pay it over to the petitioners, they giving an assignment subsequent to the former, so that the amount may be received out of the pension the half-year after all the present assignments. Pray authority to put this arrangement in execution. [Copy. Ibid. 1 p.]*

III. *Minute of his Majesty's pleasure that the business should be settled in this way. [Copy. Ibid., p. 157. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

June 5.

Petition of Sir John Heydon to the same. By your Majesty's grant in June 1629, equal interest with the other patentees in the drained soil of the West and North Fens in co. Lincoln is conferred upon petitioner, who has ever declared his readiness to advance your Majesty's rent, and to contribute as large a proportion of his share as any other of the patentees. Prays your Majesty to signify to the Chancellor and Attorney of the Duchy [of Lancaster] that no

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more rent shall be imposed, nor any greater deduction of land made out of petitioner's competency of drained land, than shall be paid out of the like parts allotted by any other of the patentees. That paying the like rent for the like quantity, petitioner shall have the fee-farm of such numbers of acres as out of his part shall be assigned. Lastly, that petitioner shall be assisted by that court to set out in severalty and enjoy, as well in quality as in quantity, his competency of those drained fens as any other of the patentees. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 101. 1 p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *His Majesty, respecting petitioner as a person of quality and a servant of very good merit, refers the petition to Lord Newburgh, Chancellor of the Duchy, and to the Attorney of that court, to proceed with as much equality towards petitioner as towards any other of the patentees. St. James's, 5th June 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 102. ½ p.]*

June 5.

Petition of Edward Bish to the King. Petitioner has been a servant to your late father and to your Majesty in the office of feodary in Surrey for twenty years, and during that time has been a practiser at law, and has done good service in the Court of Wards and Liveries to the Crown, without any complaint against him. Now growing aged, he has surrendered the said office to Matthew Carleton, with the approbation of the Master of the Court; and desiring to be freed from the malice of enemies, for his quiet for the time to come, he prays your Majesty to grant him a pardon for all matters by him done as Feodary of Surrey. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 114. ¾ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *Reference to Lord Cottington to certify his opinion. St. James's, 5th June 1637. [Copy. Ibid. ¼ p.]*
- II. *Francis Lord Cottington to the King. Confirmation of the facts stated in the preceding petition. I never heard any complaint of petitioner, but rather observe him for a person of good reputation. Since the example of Goodhand in the Star Chamber, divers of the feodaries seek pardon to his Majesty's advantage by way of composition as this man does. I see no inconvenience in admitting him also to compound. 13th June 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 115. ½ p.]*
- III. *Reference to Lord Cottington to agree with petitioner for a composition, and to give order to the Attorney-General for a bill for his Majesty's signature. Greenwich, 26th June 1637. [Copy. Ibid. ½ p.]*

June 5.

Dorset House.

22. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sir John Pennington. I have received yours of the 1st inst., and acquainted his Majesty therewith. Concerning your keeping back the three Dunkirk prisoners, his Majesty has commanded that they shall be kept in safe custody till my coming down, which will be very shortly, and then I shall give order concerning them. Last night his Majesty commanded me to give order for transportation of Mons. Rouvenie, brother to the Countess of Southampton, and I have given him a warrant directed to you accordingly. By the enclosed petition you

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will perceive the desire of the parties "interested," wherein I am desirous to give them satisfaction; therefore I would have you send on board such of his Majesty's vessels as are in the Downs in search of the apprentice mentioned in the petition, and upon finding him that you cause him to be released, putting him into the hands of such as the petitioners shall send, lest he run away again. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 5.

23. Note of the amounts received and paid for repair of St. Paul's Cathedral. Received, 63,054*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, whereof 8,195*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* is his Majesty's gift. Paid, 41,930*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, whereof 31,000*l.* is towards the repairs. Rests in chest in ready money, 21,124*l.* [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

June 6.

Grant to Sir William Russell of 3*d.* on every 20*s.* that he shall pay out of such money as he shall receive from the sheriffs and others, by them to be levied by writs for ship-money, to be taken by way of defalcation out of such moneys as he shall receive; which grant is according to a former grant of 3*d.* upon every 20*s.* that he should pay as Treasurer of the Navy. [*Docquet.*]

June 6.

24. Petition of Thomas Nicholls, one of the Bailiffs of Shrewsbury, on behalf of divers of the Aldermen and Common Councillors and other inhabitants of that town, to the King. Petitioner is one of the two bailiffs of that town, which is governed by two bailiffs as one head, and all burgesses are admitted to give their voices in all elections and other matters concerning the government of the town. The said two bailiffs seldom agreeing together in one vote, but being divided and adhering to the several parties, petitioner finds the town to be very much embroiled with contentions, and he, out of his experience, is persuaded that until the members thereof shall be better reconciled no uniformity of government can be observed; which things the Attorney-General taking notice of has brought a *quo warranto* against the said corporation. The town being grown of late very poor, and were they rich, yet it being unfit for them to contest with your Majesty, petitioner prays your Majesty to command a stay of legal proceedings, and to refer the examination of all things wherein it may be conceived there is any misgovernment amongst them to the Council, and authorize them to consider what is most fit for the establishment of a better government, that thereupon your Majesty would pardon their errors past, and admit them to become suitors for such a new grant with confirmation of all their ancient privileges as the Council shall think fit. [*Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

24. I. *Reference to Archbishop Laud, Lord Keeper Coventry, and Sec. Windebank, as prayed, they to certify to his Majesty, and with power in the meantime, if they find it fit, to order the Attorney-General to stay the quo warranto until his Majesty's pleasure be further known. Whitehall, 6th June 1637. [Copy. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

24. II. *Appointment by the referees of Friday, the 13th October then next, for hearing the above business at the Council Board. 12th June 1637. [Copy. 1 p.] Endorsed,*

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24. III. *Note, that the 13th October being the day of election of new burgesses and officers at Shrewsbury, it was desired that the hearing should be postponed to the 3rd November.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

June 6. Copy of the preceding petition, with the reference, but without the appointment and note. [*Book of Petitions, Vol. cccxxiii., p. 115. 2 $\frac{1}{3}$ pp.*]

June 6. Petition of Walter Raleigh, D.D., his Majesty's chaplain in ordinary, to the King. Petitioner being possessed of the rectory of Street, Somerset, Sir Thomas Thynne, pretending title to the presentation, has commenced suit against petitioner, and, being of a great estate, endeavours by nice objections and advantages in forms of law (without relation to justice) to vex petitioner with the greatness of the expense. Prays your Majesty to refer the consideration of the premises to some of the Council, and if they find petitioner's title unquestionable, that they so settle it that petitioner may not be oppressed by the greatness of his adversary. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 92. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *Reference to Archbishop Laud, the Lord Keeper, and the Lord Chamberlain, calling to them Sir John Finch. If they find that petitioner is unquietly disturbed by Sir Thomas Thynne they are to take a course for his peace, and if they perceive a purpose to oppress petitioner they are to certify the truth to his Majesty.* [*Copy. Ibid., p. 93. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

June 6. Petition of Robert Long and John Gibbon to the same. After draining the level of Hatfield Chase, most of the participants, being Dutch, brought over divers French families out of Normandy and other parts of France, being all Protestants, and planted them as under-tenants in the greatest part of the said level, where they have since continued, and are very honest and industrious people. Further, petitioners are become his Majesty's fee-farmers of the disafforested forest of Galtres, co. York, and that the same being wild and unmanured, they can make no considerable benefit thereof, but by leasing it to under-tenants that will bestow charges to reduce the lands to tillage. The people of the country adjacent will not pay any considerable rent for what they say have been their commons, though your Majesty has allowed them great proportions in lieu of the same; wherefore petitioners are constrained to bring some of the French tenants out of the said level, who offer such rates for the lands of late forest as are reasonable. Because the said lands lie remote, petitioners intend to erect houses for the tenants, and to build a church for them; and because none of them yet understand English perfectly, petitioners have found out a minister beneficed in that country who speaks good French, and is willing to do all divine offices in that language, and shall conform himself to the Church of England, and use no other form of prayer but the Common Prayer of the Church of England in the French tongue, and petitioners

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will endow the said church with the annual revenue of 100*l.* for ever. Beseech your Majesty's licence to found a church there, and to settle lands or tithes in mortmain to the parson and his successors, and to signify your pleasure to the Archbishop of York that such a minister may be admitted until the French shall understand English. [*Copy. Vol. cccxxiii., p. 97. 2 pp.*] Underwritten,

1. *Reference to the Attorney-General to prepare licences for erecting and endowing the said church. His Majesty grants licence for reading the divine service and having sermons in the French tongue till the inhabitants attain to the understanding of English, and the Archbishop of York is to give allowance to such a minister. Whitehall, 6th June 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 99. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

June 6.
Sarsden.

25. William Walter, Sheriff of co. Oxford, to Nicholas. I am now in doubt that I shall not finish my collection this term, the stay of which is for want of the sentence in the case between the hundreds of Bampton and Chadlington with the corporations of Chipping Norton and Burford; wherefore, for despatch, I have sent the bearer to receive your authority to attend the Attorney and Solicitor General upon the reference from the Lords unto them to resolve the business. But more especially the reason is because all the money that is raised now is by distresses, so that it comes in by small particles and slowly; and why it comes so is because I find many harbour an opinion that this case is depending in trial at the suit of some of their neighbours, and they will first see the issue of that, and this is most about Banbury. The mayor of that town has but this week brought 13*l.* (though this town is the easiest rated of any town in the county), and for the remainder he answers that he knows not how to levy it, for that the mayor, his predecessor, has yet many parcels of goods which lie rotting by him, which are to make up the money which their town is in arrear for last year, for which goods he says many of the owners endeavour to commence suits which he has hitherto kept off; and for the present mayor's proceedings in this business, I perceive he expects more persuasions and advice therein than can come from me. I have by me between two and three hundred pounds, and before the end of the term I think I shall have made it five hundred, when it shall be paid. [1 p.]

June 6.

26. Philip Burlamachi to [Sec. Windebank]. Prays the Secretary to represent to the King that the time limited for the writer's enlarged protection is short, and flies like a shuttle. The Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington have brought the business of his accounts to such a point that nothing is wanting but the royal consideration of what has been passed and what remains. Prays Windebank to supplicate the King to spare an hour from his serious businesses to cast the eyes of his compassion upon the final settlement of the writer's accounts, taking consideration of his misery, and bearing in mind that he has lately had the honour to do his

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Majesty some services which have been acceptable to him.
[*French.* 1 p.]

June 6.

27. Petition of Joan Haskins to William Dell. Petitioner formerly was a neighbour's child living near you in Rotton [Wroughton?], Wilts. In respect of old acquaintance is emboldened to come to you in behalf of her daughter Edith. Petitioner gave a very good portion with her to Edward Belemy, who riotously spent all, and then went into the Low Countries and Sweland [Sweden], and there was for many years. Petitioner's daughter having often intelligence he was dead, lately married to one Yates, and the very day they were married her spendthrift husband came over, and got all that little goods and clothes she had gotten in his absence and spent them, and domineered and produced a warrant, and so tried her at the last assize at Reading by Baron Davenport, and she was condemned to die, only having a reprieve until Midsummer assize next, she never bedding with her last husband, and this great affliction coming upon her through ignorance. Beseeches you to do all you can to obtain a pardon for her daughter's life, and petitioner would be at 10*l.* or 20*l.* charge to obtain the same, though almost to her undoing. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

27. 1. *William Dell to Sir John Lambe. For the strangeness of the above petition Dell desires Sir John only to read it. If he pleases to show her any kindness, he will do a work of charity. Lambeth, 6th June 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

June 7.
Westminster.

28. Warrant to pay to Hubert le Sueur 720*l.* for divers brass heads, statues, and images made by him and delivered to his Majesty. [8 lines on a slip of parchment.]

June 7.
Westminster.

29. Warrant to pay to Richard Crane, gentleman of the privy chamber and brother of the late Sir Francis Crane, 5,811*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, whereof 2,872*l.* was for four pieces of tapestry bought of Sir Francis Crane, one being a suit of tapestry of the history of Hero and Leander (1,704*l.*), [others] pieces of the Acts of the Apostles, [and] of St. Paul and Elymas the Sorcerer (664*l.*), and another of Diana and Calisto (504*l.*), and the remainder of the said 5,811*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* being for various other pieces of tapestry purchased of Richard Crane as executor of the said Sir Francis, one being a suit of tapestry called the suit of the horses (1,204*l.*), two pieces on the looms with a tawny border (269*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*), three other pieces on the looms (388*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*), three others also on the looms (380*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*), two pieces more of the same suit which are finished (334*l.*), and sundry silks and yarns (362*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*) [29 lines on the like.]

June 7.
Westminster.

30. The King to Edward Bromfield, Lord Mayor, and William Abell and James Garrett, Sheriffs of London, and to Sir Henry Mildmay, Sir Henry Spiller, and others. Commission authorizing them, with the assistance of one or more justice of peace in every county and the head officer in every privileged place, to cause a

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statute in 33rd Henry VIII. for the maintenance of archery, and two other statutes, one in the 12th Edward IV. and the other in the 13th Elizabeth, for bringing in bow-staves by merchant strangers, to be put in execution. [*Minute or docquet.* 1 p.]

June 7.

31. The Council to Sir Robert Jenkinson and John Martin, Justices of Peace for co. Oxford. Thomas Bushell, having laid out great sums of money to preserve and beautify a rock at Enstone, co. Oxford, and his Majesty having countenanced the work, out of a desire to preserve that rarity of nature, and to that effect directed his letters to the Earl of Danby to assist Bushell especially in disposing of a highway to another place, that hindered the making of groves, walks, &c., wherewith the Earl acquainted the steward of the manor, and the steward told the copyholders thereof, yet some of them out of a malignant disposition the next court day fined Bushell for having turned the said highway, some have cut down trees planted for beautifying the said rock, and others have presumed to forbid his workmen employed in setting up a wall for preserving the groves and works, not at all regarding his Majesty's directions. The justices are to call such parties before them as Bushell shall make appear to have contemned or been refractory to what his Majesty has commanded, and to deliver such as are delinquents to the custody of Edmund Barker, messenger, who is to attend the justices with this letter, and to bring them before the Lords to answer such contempts. The justices are also to take especial care that the wall now there erecting and other works in hand may go on with all diligence, so that it may be finished by the time his Majesty shall come to Wood Grove, Bushell giving the owners of the ground such satisfaction as the justices or two indifferent neighbours shall judge the same to be worth. [*Rough draft begun by Sir William Becher but finished by Nicholas.* 1½ p.]

June 7.

32. Petition of Peter Pett, one of his Majesty's shipwrights, to Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner about seven years past had his dwelling at Ratcliffe, where he built ships for the merchants, and by reason there was at that time the Garland and the St. Dennis in Deptford Dock, and the Vanguard and the Victory in Woolwich Dock, which were committed to petitioner's charge for the oversight of the works, petitioner was commanded by Mr. Burrell and the Officers of the Navy to leave his dwelling at Ratcliffe for the advantage of his Majesty's service, to petitioner's great hindrance, and to take a house at Deptford, being then promised by the officers that his rent should be paid, being 15*l.* per annum, which has since amounted to 105*l.* Prays that as he is forced to give daily attendance at Deptford, the Lords will order Sir William Russell to pay petitioner the 105*l.*, and that he may have a house in the yard at Deptford, as his fellows have at Woolwich and Chatham. [*¾ p.*]
Underwritten,

32. 1. *Reference to the Officers of the Navy. To certify whether his Majesty's shipwrights have heretofore had houses in*

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the yards, touching the allowance demanded for house-rent past, as to providing a house for petitioner in the yard for the future, and what house there may be had. Whitehall, 7th June 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.] Annexed,

32. II. *Officers of the Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. Of late the master shipwrights have had places of residence at Chatham and elsewhere, but in former times it was not so. We hold it convenient that Pett should receive as much favour as his fellows. Mr. Ackworth, the store-keeper at Woolwich, having an habitation at Deptford, we conceive that will be the fittest place for Pett to reside in. Deptford, 24th June 1637. [1 p.]*

June 7. Copy of the order of reference made by the Lords of the Admiralty upon the foregoing petition, with minutes of the petition itself. [*See Vol. cccliii., fol. 30. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

June 7. 33. Petition of [the top torn off, "eg," perhaps part of the petitioner's name, being all that remains] to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner's habitation being distant from his parish church two miles, he sometimes for ease on Sundays in the afternoon repaired to a neighbouring church, for which he was presented to the Ecclesiastical Court of the "diocesses of Buck." Petitioner, repairing thereunto for absolution, was promised the same, provided he would repair [to his parish church] three Sundays together, forenoon and afternoon, and bring the parson's and churchwardens' hands for testimony thereof. Petitioner was comformable, but by reason the parson was at those times absent, petitioner got only a certificate under the hands of the churchwardens and some dozen more of the inhabitants, which he returning to the commissary was denied his dismissal, by reason the parson's hand was not to the certificate. Petitioner came again to the inn where the commissary and others were at dinner and desired of him his dismissal, but was still denied; whereupon petitioner said that he should hear of it before his betters, which now is articulated against him as a contempt to the court. Appearing before Sir John Lambe, order was that petitioner should acknowledge his offence in his parish church. Petitioner resolved to have done this, but considering that it would redound to the loss of his credit with those with whom he dealt, he repaired back to Sir John, and craved that this penance might be remitted, which he consented to if the order had not been registered. Prays the archbishop's favour, whereby he may be freed from his sentence. [$\frac{5}{8}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

33. I. *Minute of the Archbishop's desire that Sir John Lambe would show petitioner such further favour as he shall find the merits of his cause deserve. 7th June 1637. [$\frac{1}{8}$ p.]*

June 7. Edward Nicholas to Francis Lord Dunsmore. Complaint has
Whitehall. been made to the Lords that (having heretofore subscribed in a

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book of Mr. Noy's to adventure in the fishing business 100*l*.) you have not paid any part thereof, notwithstanding the order requiring the payment by 1st April last to Peter Richaut. I am commanded to pray you either to pay the sum before the end of next term, or to attend the Board with your answer on the 29th inst. [*Copy. Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., fol. 157.*]

June ⁷/₁₇.
The Hague.

34. Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia to Sir Thomas Roe. Your letter by Dr. Spina of 14th May received last week, and on Monday last yours of the 8th of the same. I see I am not deceived of the French treaty. It is only what concerns the two crowns and my son's business that is referred to Hamburg. I find by your letter and Mons. Ferentz's that it were good the Prince Elector should go to Hamburg. The Prince of Orange, Camerarius, and others are of opinion that he cannot do it with his honour. First, there will be none there but ambassadors, there will be no prince; then the French ambassador will not see him as Prince Elector, neither will Hamburg, for you know the fashion of those people to be *du corté* [*coté*] *des plus fort*; and the Prince of Orange thinks it not safe being there for the Prince Elector, because Denmark is about to block it. As far as Ferentz writes that it will be a means to make him known to the empire, how can that be, when he shall see none but those of Hamburg? If his Majesty would send the Prince that way with money to levy and receive what Sweden has offered, that journey were good indeed. All the Prince Elector's friends here think he will not do well to go, since he cannot go like a Prince Elector nor be received so, and they think to stir from it till he knows what his Majesty will do for him will not be well done, which is a hard case. For if he stay it will do him wrong, thinking it an idleness, and if he go before he knows what he is to trust to, he will be as before much to seek. If his presence do nothing, his absence will do less. There is nothing I so much desire as to see him in action, but know not how he shall best put himself into it. There is little news. The Prince of Orange will go very suddenly into the field, and without doubt will do something, which makes me write to the King to give Rupert leave to be in that action, whatsoever it is. You may easily guess why I send for him; his brother can tell it you else. I pray you to help him away as soon as you can, and to hinder those that would stay him. The Prince of Orange is much troubled that it is reported in England that the States are cause the French proceed no better in the treaty, protesting it is most false; they desire nothing more than the quick conclusion of it, and never liked the assembly at Hamburg, nor the French to meddle with the fishing business. As soon as the Prince of Orange hears of the French army marching, he will do the like. Count Henry of Nassau, the governor of Frize, commands an army apart of 4,000 horse and 8,000 foot; he is my cousin of Nassau's son, whom you saw a little one of a year old at Arnheim, when you went up with me into Germany. He is grown a very fine gentleman and beloved of all nations there. The States have

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given the Prince of Orange's little son the survivance of all his father's charge. The Duke Bernard marches, some say towards the Rhine, some say into Bavaria, but I believe the first, for France will not suffer him to do the other, besides the trouble of the passage to it. I must entreat you not to refuse to go to Hamburg, but to use your best means to be sent thither ambassador, for I wish none there for the King but you. I have commanded my son to do "your" [his] best for it, and then I hope, going or coming, or both, I shall see you. P.S.—I have received a letter from Archbishop Laud, wherein I find he is very well satisfied. I send my third son Maurice with the Prince of Orange and the army. [*Partly in a cipher, deciphered by Sir Thomas Roe. Seals with arms. 2½ pp.*]

June 7. 35. Modern copy of the above, not entirely correct. [2 pp.]

June 7. 36. Bond of John Roberts, of Bridgwater, Somerset, merchant, and Anthony Bassett, of the Strand, Middlesex, apothecary, to the King, in 1,000*l.*, conditioned for the appearance of Roberts before the Council Board within ten days after summons. [1 p.]

June 7. 37. Similar bond of George Cole, of Dorchester, Dorset, merchant, and Roger Cole, of London, merchant, for the appearance of George Cole. [1 p.]

June 7. 38. Certificate of Inigo Jones of the names of the crew of the William and John, of Weymouth, Thomas Sandford master, employed for nine months for carriage of stone from Portland for repair of St. Paul's. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

June 7. 39. James Belgrave to Archbishop Laud. Your grace in Easter
Christ Church, Oxford. term was twelve months decreed an order for rectifying some irregular proceedings in the despatch of Sir John Bales's commission of defence, and expunging some depositions taken upon articles expunged by the admittors of that defence. The execution of the order was referred to Sir John Lambe and Dr. Aylett, in whose hands the matter lies yet undetermined. Notwithstanding my often procuring the counsel of both sides to attend, I am now no nearer to a hearing than I was a year since. The wasting of a term in London is as chargeable as if the cause were to be finally sentenced. It pleases the defendant well, when the thing in controversy defrays the charges on his side and there is hope to beat the promoter both out of purse and patience. These exigencies have emboldened me to petition your favour to hasten a conclusion. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] Underwritten,

39. 1. Archbishop Laud to Sir John Lambe. I have heretofore spoken to you concerning this cause, and had thought you would have been more careful of it. I pray let not the poor young man spend his money and time in this sort, but see the business brought to some issue. 8th June 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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Westminster.

The King to Lord Treasurer Juxon, Robert Earl of Lindsey, Great Chamberlain of England, Edward Earl of Dorset, Lord Chamberlain to the Queen, Montjoy Earl of Newport, Master of the Ordnance, Francis Lord Cottington, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Master of the Court of Wards, Sir Henry Vane, Comptroller of the Household, Secs. Coke and Windebank, and to all Justices of Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, and others. Commission authorizing the persons above named or their deputies to enter, break open, and work for saltpetre all houses and lands of the King or any other person, and there to take all such ground, earth, walls, and waters as shall be thought good for making saltpetre, and to make the same saltpetre into gunpowder, and to take carts of any of the King's subjects for carrying things to be used about the said service at the price of 6*d.* per mile, with power if any persons refuse to make the said carriages, to take the carriages necessary and compel the refusers to perform the service at the ancient wages expressed in the statute, that is, for a cart with two horses by the day 10*d.*, and with three horses 14*d.* Power is also given to the commissioners and their deputies to take sea-coals and wood-ashes at a reasonable price, and also houses to work in, stables, outhouses, and yards, paying reasonable rates for the same. The Commissioners and their deputies are to repair all places opened by them, and in cases of dispute the nearest justices of peace are to decide. Power is given to the commissioners by warrant to a messenger to call before them all persons who disobey the royal commandment in this commission, and with a view to this service all persons are forbidden to pave or gravel their dove-houses. [*Copy. See Vol. ccxcii., pp. 53-59. 7 pp.*]

[June 7 ?]

List of the deputy saltpetremen, with the counties assigned to them, the weekly proportions of saltpetre to be brought in by them, and the periods for which they were appointed. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 60. 1 p.*]

June 7.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Bishop Morton, of Durham. Send copy of an order for the future better government of the Holy Island, which has of late been altogether neglected, albeit the captain has been still fully paid by his Majesty. We pray you to take order that so much of his Majesty's command as concerns the establishment of Lieutenant Rugge in his place of lieutenancy, and in the house appertaining thereto, as also the complete manning and due mustering of the men belonging to the fort, be presently put in execution, that his Majesty may henceforth have a better account of the charge he is at in maintaining the garrison of that place. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 28. 1 p.*]

June 7.
Whitehall.

The same to Thomas Viscount Wentworth, Lord Deputy of Ireland. We send copy petition of Leonard Cornelison, master, and of Hubert Adriaenson, master's mate, of the Hope, which was by Sir Beverley Newcomen carried from Milford Haven into Ireland, together with copy of our reference and Sir Henry Marten's report thereupon, by which you will perceive that there is just cause to

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dismiss the petitioners with their goods home to their country, wherein we pray you to give order, and likewise that upon certificate from the Admiralty Court, London, the security given on that side for the said men and their goods may be released, that they be no longer detained. We have despatched Capt. Kettleby to be Admiral in place of Sir Beverley Newcomen, and hope he is by this aboard the Swallow. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 28 b. ½ p.*]

June 7.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Earl of Newport. To give order to the Officers of the Ordnance to take a survey of the remains of ordnance and ammunition remaining in Southsea Castle, and also an account how the provisions formerly delivered have been expended, and according to the several wants to supply the castle. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 28 b. ¾ p.*]

June 7.
Whitehall.

The same to Sir Henry Marten. We send you the petition of John le Drue, master of a prize called the Waterhound, taken by Dunkirkers from the Hollanders on the French coast, and cast by tempest on Tenby in Pembrokeshire about September last, which complaint has been recommended by the Spanish Ambassador. We also send the petition of Thomas Bowen, who lent le Drue moneys in his distress in that port, as also the petition of the executors of Sir James Parrett, late Deputy Vice-Admiral of that part of Wales, who pretend the ship was bought by Sir James. We also send you an inventory of the ship, signed by the Mayor of Tenby and others, with examinations taken before Mr. Richard Price, now Deputy Vice-Admiral of South Wales, and the Deputy Judge of the Admiralty there. As we understand there are two suits depending before you concerning this business, we pray you to consider all the said papers and (because le Drue is a poor man) summarily to hear and order the difference. And for that we find it grows to be a practice among vice-admirals to buy ships and goods of men that come into his Majesty's ports, taking advantage of their necessities, we recommend to your particular care that part of this business. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 29 b. 1 p.*]

June 7.

Order of the Lords of the Admiralty on petition of Thomas Benson, showing that 12 months since the Lords, upon a petition of Benson, gave order that Capt. Phineas Pett should satisfy petitioner a debt of 20*l.*, or show cause to the contrary, which order being showed to Pett, he put the same in his pocket, and delays all satisfaction. Petitioner prayed the Lords to cause Pett to pay him without further trouble. The Lords ordered that Pett should see this petition, and if he give not satisfaction within three months, they authorize the Treasurer and Officers of the Navy to take order that petitioner be paid out of the first moneys due to the captain. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 30. ½ p.*]

June 7.

40. Richard March to Nicholas. Sends account of gunpowder remaining in the Tower; 153 lasts, 12 cwt. 88 lbs.; and at Portsmouth, 5 lasts, 13 cwt. 68 lbs. [*½ p.*]

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Off the Lizard.

41. Capt. Henry Stradling to Algernon Earl of Northumberland.

"On the 2nd of this month, off the Lizard, we gave chase to four sail of Hollanders, great ships homeward bound from the coast of Brazil. They were all to windward of us, the wind westerly; three of them had flags abroad. The Admiral, Vice-Admiral, and one more stretched it ahead of us out of shot; the Rear-Admiral came within reach of the pinnace. Mr. Rabanett gave fire to a piece thwart his forefoot, and he shot another fair over the pinnace's quarter, and kept up his flag and topsails. The pinnace shot a second and a third at him. At length the Admiral and Vice-Admiral took in their flags, lowered their topsails, and laid their ships by the lee. The pinnace ran up with the Rear-Admiral, who notwithstanding kept all aloft, and called to him to strike for the King of England; he made answer he would when he came to his Admiral, neither did he lower his topsails until he brought up his ship by the lee. When I came up with them (being at least a league astern) I sent for the Admiral, who came on board me, and excused his not striking his flag and bearing up with us, alleging he did not know us at first. For his Rear-Admiral, he told me that if he had done amiss he was to suffer for it, and that he would by no means justify what he had done. The captain of the Rear-Admiral I have taken out of his ship and sent to Plymouth fort, to be kept there until such time as your Lordship shall please to release him. All that he can say in his own behalf is that he took us to be ships of Dunkirks, but the weather was very clear, we all had our jacks and ensigns abroad, and the pinnace was so near him that he must have known her. On the 4th of this month I had intelligence that a Biscayner (a vessel of about 16 tons, with 40 men, two small iron guns, and 26 oars) had taken two Frenchmen in Mount's Bay and brought them into Penzance, and I sent in Mr. Rabanett to look for him, and he found him at an anchor in the bay and brought him to me. The Frenchmen he took near the Land's End, fair by the shore; one of them he had sold to the master of her for 18*l.*, the other to one Thomas Diggins, of Chichester, for 13*l.* The master of her had once agreed with the Biscayner for his barque for 9*l.*, and this Diggins gave 13*l.* for her, and being afterwards doubtful to be questioned for it, he let the master of her have her for 13*l.* By my instructions from your Lordship, I am to do my endeavour to recover any goods that shall be taken from any man in his Majesty's roads, harbours, or coasts. This Biscayner refused to make restitution of such money as he received from the Frenchmen, alleging that he had laid it out for victuals. There is also one of his company, a Scotchman, now aboard the pinnace, that avers that he has taken several things out of English vessels. I have sent your Lordship his examination and withal a letter from the Deputy Vice-Admiral of Penzance, in whose charge I have left the Biscayner until he hath further order from your Lordship, having taken an inventory of all things belonging to her. The captain of this Biscayner saith that he came upon this coast to mend his mainmast which hath received a shot in fight with a French shallop; but he hath been ten days upon the coast and hath done nothing to his mast."

[2 $\frac{1}{4}$ pp.]

June 8. 42. Extract from the above letter of the portion which relates to the Hollanders. [1 p.]

June 8. 43. The like concerning the Biscayner. [1 p.]

June 8. 44. Capt. Henry Stradling to Sir James Bagg. Has just cause to make stay of this Dutchman, William Leonardson, to answer his insolence and contempt of his Majesty's regality in these seas, and entreats Sir James to cause him to be kept in safe custody until he shall receive order from the Lord General or the Lords of the Admiralty. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 8. 45. Copy of the same. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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June 8. Minute of the appearance of William Richardson, saltpetreman, before the Lords of the Admiralty. He is to attend until discharged. [See Vol. cccliii., fol. 29. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

June 8. 46. Petition of William Russell, clerk, M.A., to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner is instituted and inducted to the rectory or vicarage of Bamburgh in the diocese of Lincoln, and, unable to try his right, beseeches the archbishop to admit him *in formâ pauperis* for his cause, and to continue him in his place according to his former admission. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.] *Annexed,*

46. I. *Articles by petitioner concerning William Cony.* 1. *For profanely abusing the communion table since it was decently adorned, there sitting about matters of justice in country affairs.* 2. *Part of a little stable is erected within the bounds of the churchyard.* 3. *A freestone pillar in the church falling down, lies on heaps in the church alleys.* 4. *Part of his barn is built with stones taken from the church.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Written under the petition,

46. II. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to consider of the above articles, and direct the petitioner as he shall think most fitting.* 8th June 1637. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ lines.]

June 8. 47. Certificate of Inigo Jones of the names of the crew of the Willing Mind, of Bretthempstone [Brighton], John Humphrey master, employed for carriage of stone from Portland to London for repair of St. Paul's. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 9. 48. Petition of John Broughton to the King. Petitioner, in his care of the increase of your Majesty's revenue, has for 13 weeks, to his great charge, attended your acceptance of the propositions annexed, which have been presented to your Majesty by some of the Council, and will be maintained by petitioner in every point and proved by sufficient witnesses. He has also the opinion of your Majesty's counsel that the late patent is void in law, the covenants therein being unreasonable. Prays your Majesty to hear the business yourself in person. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Annexed,*

48. I. *Proposal by new undertakers to take a lease of the Forest of Deane at an increase of 2,000l. per annum upon the present rent of 6,750l. per annum; also to confine their erections of "cabbanns" or cottages within the forest to 16 or 20, instead of 160, which the present farmers lately had; and also to give all persons in the forest free use of their iron-works with their mine and cinders, with various other advantages to both King and people.* [2 pp.]

June 9. 49. Breviate or abstract of John Broughton's propositions above mentioned. [1 p.]

June 9. Minute of the appearance of Humphrey Berington before the Lords of the Admiralty this day. He is to attend until discharged. [See Vol. cccliii., fol. 29. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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June $\frac{9}{19}$.
Paris.

50. Thomas Windebank to his father, the Secretary. Last week I was not able to present my duty by reason of my fever having laid rude hold upon me that day the Ambassador sent his despatches for England. I have had some fits since Dr. Davison undertook me, but much more favourable ones, and accompanied with such signs as are (as the Doctor says) very probable ones of a speedy recovery. I hope to depart hence before the next ordinary. [1 p.]

June $\frac{9}{19}$.
Paris.

51. Francis Windebank to the same. Confirms the statements in the preceding. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 9.
Fifield.

52. Henry Cuffe to his cousin, Edward Nicholas. After his departure from Nicholas, and but little before he went out of town, he met with Mr. Audeley, and had much discourse with him about the purchase of Bushton [Bishopstone]. States Mr. Audeley's views and also his own on the way in which the purchase might be carried out, the difficulty being connected with debts owing from William Hunton and the rights of his children in the property itself. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

June 9.

53. List of his Majesty's ships now at sea, showing their several numbers of men, and the time for which they are victualled. The total number of ships was 28, of men 3,798. [1 p.]

June $\frac{10}{20}$.
The Hague.

54. Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia to Archbishop Laud. I must not let this honest preacher go for England without these few lines. I am not forgetful of your affection to me, which I entreat you to continue. It is again reported that the French King has signed the treaty, but I have heard it so often, as I will not believe it till I hear it out of England. The Prince of Orange is ready to go into the field, and intends to do some action which will be worth the sight, wherefore I have written to the King to give Rupert leave to come over, that he may accompany the Prince. He shall be at all times ready to obey the King's command to go elsewhere. I think he will spend this summer better in an army than idly in England, for though it be a great honour and happiness to him to wait upon his uncle, yet, his youth considered, he will be better employed to see the war. I send his brother Maurice also to the army. I understand the King will send an Ambassador to Ham-
burgh. I wish he would make choice of honest Sir Thomas Roe; there can be none fitter. I know you may help my desire in this, which I pray you to do. P.S.—I must give this bearer this attestation, that his good carriage is such, that we all esteem him a very honest man, therefore I pray you to continue him in your favour. [*Seals with arms.* $1\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

June 10.

55. Petition of Thomas Short to the same. George Mason, vicar of Cherry Willingham in the diocese of Lincoln, being grandchild to Robert Moorecroft, the impropiator of the rectory there, and having the inheritance thereof stated upon him by Moorecroft, his grand-tather, has for sundry years sought to put over the tithes with the glebe land and vicarage house to the rectory, with purpose to gratify

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his grandfather for the present, and to acquire to himself the inheritance for the time to come. Petitioner being informed by his counsel that this is a strange kind of dilapidation of the church's goods, has long sued Mason for it and other enormities in the High Commission, where the cause is ready for hearing, and now Mason, having as much as in him lies spoiled the vicarage, has resigned it to avoid a deprivation, and to leave his grandfather in possession against a succeeding vicar. Prays a speedy hearing of the cause this term. [*Copy.* $\frac{5}{6}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

55. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to take order that the cause may come to hearing with all convenient speed that may be.* 10th June 1637. [*Copy.* 1 p.]

[June 10.] 56. Petition of James Mason to the Lords of the Admiralty. William Frobisher, cooper, being indebted to petitioner upon specialty for wares delivered, petitioner hearing he was prisoner in the Counter in Wood Street, entered an action against him, but went no further. Petitioner is commanded to appear before your Lordships. Prays that as petitioner neither arrested Frobisher nor proceeded against him, you will order his enlargement without charge or infringement of his debt, and that Frobisher may be ordered to pay the debt in reasonable time. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 10. 57. William Frobisher to Nicholas. Mr. Mason has withdrawn his action. [4 lines.]

June 10. 58. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 54*l.* 10*s.*, paid by Richard Cockram, Mayor of Rye, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon Sussex by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 10. 59. Account rendered by Edward Fenn, for Sir William Russell, of ship-money remaining unpaid upon writs issued in August 1635. Total, 9,225*l.* 19*s.* 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*, or according to an underwritten statement of Nicholas, *deductis deducendis*, 6,425*l.* [1 p.]

June 10. 60. Account rendered by the same of ship-money paid and remaining upon writs issued in August 1636. Total paid, 127,916*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*; unpaid, 68,683*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* [1 p.]

June 10. 61. Account of ship-money levied under writ of 1636, and remaining in the hands of the sheriffs, 10,993*l.*, making with 127,916*l.* paid to Sir William Russell, 138,909*l.* as the total collected, which is 1,450*l.* more than on the 3rd inst. [1 p.]

June 11. Lords of the Admiralty to [Montjoy Earl of Newport]. To give
Whitehall. order that William Bladwill, John Dickins, Thomas Fowell, and James Gray, owners of the Muscovia Merchant, of London, the said James Gray master, of the burthen of 300 tons, may furnish their ship with iron ordnance out of the founder's store at East Smithfield. [*Copy.* See Vol. cccliii., fol. 30 b. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 12. 62. Warrant to pay to Sir William Balfour, Lieutenant of the
Westminster. Tower, 500*l.*, paid by him according to his Majesty's directions

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towards defraying the pay of the 1,000 horse raised for the King's service in Friesland, and which sum it appeared by the acquittance of William Makdowell, President of the Council of War in Friesland, that Sir William had paid. [12 lines on parchment.]

June 12.

63. Thomas Gardiner to the King. Certifies the nature of the offences of the four persons undermentioned, being prisoners in Newgate, whom he conceives may be fit to be transported or pardoned. John Allibone, convicted of stealing two geldings from Robert Pollard; Anne Bowland, convicted of murdering her female bastard child; Clare Corneline, a Dutch woman, convicted of stealing 33 ells of sarsnet, reprieved in regard the Court was informed that the elders of the Dutch Church would cause her to be transported into her own country; Francis Musgrave *alias* Spencer, convicted of breaking the house of Edward Johnson in the night and stealing therefrom. [1 p.]

[June 12 ?]

64. Sir Capell Bedell and others, Justices of Peace for co. Huntingdon, to the Council. We have called before us Mr. Giles Randall and the witnesses on both sides, and have enclosed their examinations. We shall be ready to send up Mr. Randall, and to execute any further direction. [1 p.] *Enclosed,*

64. I. *Examinations above mentioned.* OBADIAH COYSH said that in a sermon made by Mr. Randall on 23rd November last, in the parish church of Easton, he said that among many sins which caused the wrath of God to lie heavy upon this nation the taking of the loan and ship-money were two, saying it was oppression and felony, and without restitution there could be no salvation. GILES RANDALL acknowledged that, preaching against unjust gains, and instancing usury, he said that the use-money or loan-money, taken in the same way, was a breach of the eighth commandment, and cited Bishop Babington; and as for the ship-money, he never spake against it, but against the unjust levying of it,—casting it off from rich men's shoulders on poor men's necks. THOMAS FILLBRIGGE said that Mr. Randall, preaching of the sins of the land to be the causes of the judgments of God, spoke of the ship-money or loan-money, but in what manner he cannot tell. THOMAS THURSTON said that Mr. Randall named the ship-money, and that he thought it to be oppression amongst the meaner sort. WILLIAM BEDELL that Mr. Randall said that the taking of the loan-money was oppression, and that the people groaned under burthens imposed upon them. Mr. Randall named the ship-money, but witness knows not how he applied it. JOHN SUTTON said that Mr. Randall named the loan-money or ship-money, but how he applied it he knows not. GLASSEN PIGOTT said that Mr. Randall said the ship-money was oppression. DANIEL BAYLE, servant to Obadiah Coysh, said that Mr. Randall said that the taking of

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the loan and ship-money was oppression, and without restitution there was no salvation. ALEXANDER BEDELL saith that Mr. Randall named usury, loan, or ship-money, but which he applied to oppression he knows not. Daniel Bale, Thomas Fisher, Thomas Burgess, Buttolph Tychmarsh, and Henry Sutton were at church, but remember nothing of those things. EDWARD THURSTON said that Mr. Randall took occasion to speak concerning usury,—how that it was a great occasion to hinder God's mercy from us; and so going on, spoke concerning the loan and ship-money, and how it was a great oppression to the country. [3 pp.]

June 12. 65. Sec. Coke to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. We have received a final despatch from France, whereupon his Majesty accepts the treaty offered by them. In pursuit of this treaty we are preparing instructions for our agents, and the Prince Elector Palatine resolves to transport himself into Holland to treat with the States and Prince of Aurenge [Orange], and to put his affairs in order. For his passage, his Majesty refers him to your order, which will require your attendance in the Downs, till you hear from the Prince, who will acquaint you with his train and time of going. And because I conceive Sir Henry Mervin shall carry him over, I think fit to acquaint him what is done in this business. Your further instructions will shortly follow. [*Draft in Sec. Coke's handwriting. 1 p.*]

June $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{2}$. 66. Letter of request of John Viscount Scudamore, English Ambassador in France, to all persons, to allow Thomas Windebank and Francis Windebank, with their servants and baggage, freely to pass into England. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

June 12. 67. Dr. Samuel Clerke to [Sir John Lambe]. I wrote to the Lady Kingsth[orpe]. Deincourt, and some few lines to his lordship. I send the answer. I wrote only of 3,000*l.*, according to your commission; but at that I presume he will not stick. You may perceive the business is feasible. You may match your daughter to a great estate, and may make her a baroness. The lord is tough, but just and honest; and the noble lady will make good her word. If my endeavours may be further useful, I will wait upon you either at Newark or Sutton. My daughter Kate is lately married to Mr. Rainsford, of Staverton. Mr. Chauncey, whom you lately corrected in the High Commission, mends like sour ale in summer. He held a fast on Wednesday last, and, as I am informed, he with another preached some six or eight hours. The whole tribe of Gad flocked thither,—some threescore from Northampton; the Lord Say, with his lady, honoured them with their presence. The end was, as I am told, to join in prayer that God would deliver his servants from persecution, whom we conceive to be Bastwick, Prynne, and Burton. You may do well to acquaint my Lord's Grace [of Canterbury] herewith. I have much more to write, but forbear, in hope of some reformation

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at the bishop's visitation, now at hand. [*Endorsed by Sir John Lambe. 1 p.*]

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68. Petition of Thomas Pape, printer and stationer, of London, to Archbishop Laud. There is a privilege for sole printing divers school books, enjoyed by the Company of Stationers, of London, which is divided into three parts—one-third to the assistants, another to the livery, and the last to the yeomanry. The two former, in whose hands the managing the business lies, have almost devoured the poor yeomanry, insomuch that the difficulty in obtaining that which belongs to the poor of petitioner's rank makes him desire his Grace to stand his friend to the master, wardens, and assistants of the company, for admitting him into a yeomanry part for the usual sum of money. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

68. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to speak with the stationers about this petitioner, and show him what further favour may be just. Lambeth, 12th June [1637]. [Copy. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

June 13.

69. Warrant to pay George Glapthorne, of Whittlesey, co. Cambridge, 500*l.*, to be disbursed about the dividing his Majesty's 12,000 acres in the Great Level, and all further sums of money fit for that service. [*9 lines on a strip of parchment.*]

June 13.

Petition of Sir John Gibson to the King. Petitioner, by letters patent dated 5th March 1634, is farmer in reversion of your Majesty's alum works, at the yearly rent of 12,500*l.*, which is an improvement of 1,500*l.* per annum; in which letters patent it was declared that if your Majesty should do any matter whereby petitioner should be hindered from having any profit which he ought to enjoy, that in such cases satisfaction should be made by defalcation out of his yearly rent next payable. Since the passing of which lease, viz., in April 1635, your Majesty imposed a duty of 12*d.* upon every chaldron of coals shipped from Blyth and Sunderland to be spent within this kingdom, from which places the alum works are constantly furnished with coal. Petitioner being to enter upon those works in January next, must now make his provision of coal; but finding the said imposition upon coal, he shows that it will be a great loss to him, and prays your Majesty to signify to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer that the farmers of the imposition on coal may be authorized to suffer petitioner to ship such coals as he shall need, free of the said imposition. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 107. $1\frac{3}{4}$ p. Underwritten,*

I. *Minute of the King's pleasure. His Majesty conceives the demanding 12*d.* per chaldron for coals spent at the alum works to be an innovation by the farmers of the imposition, which was not intended for any coals spent at his Majesty's own works. The Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington are to write to the said farmers, and to suffer such coals as shall be spent only at the alum works to pass free of that duty. [Copy. Ibid., p. 108. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

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June 13.

70. Petition of Thomas Hitchcock, a poor oppressed countryman, to Archbishop Laud. Upon petitioner's petition to his Grace, the beginning of last term, Sir John Lambe having received articles in the High Commission Court against certain offenders complained of by petitioner, and the cause being referred to Sir John, petitioner dwelling far off, and being spun out by delays and their potency, and having suffered imprisonment, wrongs, and spoilings of goods, as by the articles appear, prays order that Sir John may have proceedings in this cause. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

70. 1. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to peruse the petition, and do thereupon as he shall find fitting. June 13th, 1637.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

June 13.

Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. It is his Majesty's pleasure that there be provided vessels for transporting the horses and baggage of the Prince Elector. You are required to take up two vessels to transport the same into the Low Countries, which vessels are to be ready at Greenwich on Monday next, in the morning. You are further to take up shipping to transport threescore horse of the Prince, and that the same be ready at the Tower on Monday next by six in the morning, so as they may fall down thence with the evening tide; and you are to order the masters of such vessels to follow the directions of the Prince's steward. The charge is to be put on the estimate for the great fleet by way of surcharge. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 30 b. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]

June 13.

Whitehall.

The same to a messenger unnamed. Warrant to apprehend John Phelippes, of London, sergeant, and Thomas Payne, his yeoman, and to bring them before the Lords to answer matters to be objected against them, with a clause of assistance. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 31. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

June 13.

Minute of the appearance of the above-named Phelippes and Payne this day. They were ordered to attend until discharged. [*Ibid. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

June 13.

71. Officers of the Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. According to warrant of 24th May, his Majesty's shipwrights and divers of the chief shipwrights of the Thames, with half a dozen of the most ancient and experienced seamen of the Trinity House, have taken survey of his Majesty's ship, built at Woolwich, and certify that, according to his Majesty's rule of measuring, she is in length by the keel 127 feet; breadth within side the plank, 46 feet 6 inches; depth from the upper edge of the keel to the extreme breadth, 19 feet 4 inches; which being cast up and divided by 100 produces in bare tons 1,141; whereunto adding one-third, she is in ton and tonnage 1,522. But measured by the old rule, as they term it, the ship's burthen is 1,367 tons, to which a third being added, makes 1,823 tons. [1 p.]

[June 13 ?]

72. Note by Nicholas of the dimensions of the Great Ship, as taken in the manner mentioned in the preceding article. [1 p.]

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73. Phineas Pett to the King. Propositions concerning the Great Ship, with the King's answers in the margin. Suggestion that the 25th September be fixed for the day of her being launched. [Observation of the King in the margin:—"The sooner the better."] As against the fixing of so early a day, it is suggested that if the King resolve to send her to sea next summer, she will in the meantime grow very foul under water, and it will consequently be necessary to have her into dock again to grave and clean. [The King, in the margin:—"I am not of your opinion."] Upon the foundation of Pett's last remark, it is suggested that the launch might be postponed until "the five of February," by which time the ship might be completely finished, and she would not require winter moorings, and the charge of shipkeepers would be saved. [The King, in the margin:—"Not."] It is suggested that if the Prince Royal be to be docked and repaired, it will be a convenient time to bring her up from Chatham to Woolwich, where she would be a help for raising shears to set the masts of the new ship. [The King, in the margin:—"I will; and therefor it is fitt that the new ship be lanshed as soone as may bee."] [1 p.]

June 13.

Petition of Elizabeth Eldred, wife of Walter Eldred, his Majesty's silkman, to the same. Petitioner's husband, so long as his estate or credit would support (which to supply he sold, not only those poor lands which were his birthright, but also those he had in right of petitioner), was desirous to do your Majesty service. He delivered to the wardrobe and stables goods amounting to 7,666*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.*, due four years past, which is yet unpaid, and after two years' suit 300*l.* only has been assigned, so that the interest, with 2,500*l.* owing to him in the robes, amounts to 3,200*l.* and above, which sum he has paid for moneys taken up at interest, without which he could not have performed your Majesty's service. Now having neither money, means, nor credit, all the wares he had being extended by one of his creditors, before your Majesty's protection was granted to him, at undervalues, petitioner and their 14 children are like to perish or be left to the world's merciless charity, and he to the mercy of his creditors. Your Majesty has at sundry times given orders to the Lord Treasurer for satisfaction of petitioner's husband, yet he has been put off in the number of other petitioners whose debts are not so great nor their cases so lamentable. Prays an express order to the Lord Treasurer to make present payment of some part, and that tallies may be struck for the remainder to be paid out of the imposition upon silks or the farm of tobacco. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 111. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.] Underwritten,

1. Reference to the Lord Treasurer to consider the petition and to satisfy petitioner so soon as his Majesty's service will permit. [Copy. Ibid., p. 112. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

June 13.

Petition of divers Recusants residing within the northern and southern parts of England and Wales to the same. Divers of petitioners have compounded with the Commissioners for leases of

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their estates at certain yearly rents, but by reason of excessive fees demanded for passing the same, they are unable to undergo the same without some moderation. Sundry of them have passed their leases, yet contrary to your Majesty's intention by your Commission of Grace, they are troubled for non-payment of 12*d.* the Sunday to the poor, and thereby disabled to pay your Majesty's rents. Pray directions to the Commissioners concerning Recusants to settle some order for ease of petitioners. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 113. ¾ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *Reference to the Commissioners for Recusants, to settle order for moderating the fees on passing petitioner's grants. Greenwich, 13th June 1637. [Copy. Ibid. ¼ p.]*

June 14.

74. Roger Vaughan, Sheriff of co. Hereford, to the Council. In obedience to the letters of the Lords, of the last of April, for according a difference between certain citizens of Hereford and the inhabitants of Holmer and Hampton Bishop in that county, concerning the assessing of ship-money, the Mayor of Hereford and the writer called some of the city, as also of the out-parishes, before them, but could by no means settle the difference, for that the inhabitants of the out-parishes constantly affirm that always formerly the owners of lands within the liberties of the city in those parishes paid as the rest of the inhabitants in all common payments with the county, until of late some of the citizens of Hereford having purchased part of those lands, now refuse to pay with the rest of the inhabitants. The mayor himself had so paid, but nevertheless he and others of the corporation were unwilling to agree that lands within the liberties of the city should pay with the county. States the arguments *pro* and *con*, and begs the Lords to order this difference, that the service may suffer no longer to delay. [2 pp.]

June 14.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to [Montjoy Earl of Newport]. To order that Lord Craven, sole owner of the Pennington, of London, of the burthen of 80 tons, may furnish the same with 10 saker drakes of cast iron out of the founder's store at East Smithfield. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 31. ½ p.*]

June 14.
Whitehall.

The same to the same. Similar letter for George Donnett, of London, gentleman, and William Goddard, of Deptford, mariner, owners of the *Æneas*, of London, of 400 tons, to furnish their ship with 36 pieces of ordnance. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 31 b. ½ p.*]

June 14.

Minute of a similar letter for John Munn and Thomas Marsham, of London, merchants, owners of the *Love*, of London, of 300 tons, to furnish their ship with 32 pieces of ordnance. [*Ibid., fol. 32. ½ p.*]

June [14?]

75. Petition of Michael Coleman and John Chappell, very poor men, to the Lords and others belonging to the Admiralty Court. Thomas Ryley arrested his servant, William Frobisher, for 38*l.* forced for composition for his service, and petitioners in charity bailed him about Michaelmas term last, but in the interim Frobisher was pressed

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into his Majesty's service. Then Ryley threatened petitioners that if they did not pay him the forfeiture of his bond and debt he would lay them in prison, which forced petitioners to arrest Frobisher to secure themselves; also they removed him out of the Counter in London to the King's Bench, where the Lord Chief Justice freed petitioners, and they freed Frobisher of their action, and the Chief Justice sent him to the King's Bench prison, where he lies at the suit of Ryley, petitioners being still threatened to be under the command of a messenger if they will not pay his fees. Pray to be freed from the same. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

75. I. *Certificate of the plaint entered by the petitioners in the Court of the Counter, in the Poultry, against William Frobusher alias Frobisher, on 26th April 1637, for 250l.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

75. II. *Certificate of Martha Mosse, Annis Portlock, and Dorothy Frobisher, that Ryley threatened Michael Coleman and his wife that he or she should rot in prison if they did not pay him his debt due from Frobisher. 14th June 1637.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 14.
Colbrooke.
[Colnbrook.]

76. Andrew Meale to Nicholas. Thanks for favour shown to the writer the other day, for his father Wilson's sake. Entreats Nicholas to accept of "this poor present." Hears that Langley House is sold for 4,000*l.*, but trusts it is not so. He would "that we might have you to be our neighbour." The mortgage was redeemed from Mr. Poultney before he died, so that he thinks the title is good, and it is a house very convenient. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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77. Notes taken by Sec. Windebank in the Star Chamber on the hearing of the cause of the Attorney-General *versus* John Bastwick, Henry Burton, and William Prynne. These notes contain a brief abridgment of the information and the speech of the Attorney-General in opening the case, with references to the passages in the books of the several defendants principally relied upon by the prosecution. The case was taken *pro confesso*, therefore the Court proceeded at once to sentence. Lord Cottington moved the sentence, which was adopted by the Court with an addition suggested by Lord Chief Justice Finch. Lord Cottington's speech is thus noted by Sec. Windebank:—"Perpetual imprisonment in remote places. Bastwick, in Cornwall, Lostwithiel Castle; Burton, Lancaster Castle; Prynne, Carnarvon Castle. To communicate with none but such as shall be permitted. 5,000*l.* apiece fine. All three to lose their ears in Westminster. Burton, degradation, being in orders. Bastwick, the like." Sir John Finch's addition is thus reported:—"The neglect of the [previous] execution upon Prynne. Prynne's ears cut close, and stigmatised with S.L. on his cheeks." The Lord Treasurer and Archbishop Laud did not join in the sentence. [= $3\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]

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78. Minutes endorsed by Sir John Lambe as being "Notes for the Journeymen Printers." It was observed that no seditious pamphlet

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had been printed, but some journeymen printers had been the directors therein. It seems inferred that this was a result of the master printers employing "foreigners" in preference to journeymen, which left the journeymen unemployed. It is suggested that those that are honest men and serve their full time might be so far provided for that neither King's printer nor any other printer should employ foreigners so long as a freeman is unemployed. This, it was concluded, would also be a means that sinister printers and printing would be found out. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 14. 79. List of ships of 100 tons and upwards to 400 tons, entitled "from the 10th September 1634 to" this date. The meaning of this list is not apparent. There were included in it, of ships between 100 and 200 tons, 14 new and ten old; between 200 and 300 tons, 12 new and 10 old; between 300 and 400 tons, seven new and one old. [1 p.]

June 15. 80. The King to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Treasurer, the Chancellor and Barons of the Exchequer, the Commissioners for Recusants for the time being, and all other officers. That no indictment or suit be commenced against Edward Cotton, of Shelwood, Surrey, and Mary his wife, for or concerning recusancy, till the King shall signify his pleasure. [*Attested copy.* 1 p.]

June 15. 81. Docquet of the same.

June 15. Petition of Katherine Elliot, wet nurse to the Duke of York, to the King. There is a moor in Somerset, called West Sedgemoor, which appears to be your Majesty's right. The neighbouring inhabitants of late years, by reason of improvements, claiming common of pasture as belonging to their bordering lands, have intruded on your Majesty's right and received the sole benefit thereof. To enable petitioner to settle your Majesty's right, she prays a grant of the said moor for 60 years at a rent of 1s. per acre, she recovering the same at her own cost. [*Copy. Vol. cccxxviii., fol. 109. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.* Underwritten,

1. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington to certify their opinions. Greenwich, 15th June 1637. [Copy. Ibid., fol. 110. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

June 15. 82. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to the Lords of the Admiralty. Upon Monday, the 12th inst., we weighed in the Hope, and the wind being contrary till this day, we could not reach the Downs, where I stay further instructions. I here met with a packet from Capt. Stradling, whom I have employed for guard of the west coast, a copy of whose letter (*see this Vol., No. 41*) I send, with an examination of one of the Biscayner's company, and another letter from the Deputy Vice-Admiral of Penzance. The misbehaviour of the Biscayner deserves punishment. It will be requisite you give directions in this particular, as also for the captain of the Holland Rear-Admiral, now in custody at Plymouth fort. [1 p.]

June 15. 83. Copy of the same. [1 p.]

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The Triumph,
in the Downs.

84. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Windebank. As we were yesterday beating it up towards this place, your letter of the 12th inst. met me at sea. Your civilities so heap obligations upon me that I know not how it can ever be in my power to deserve them. I find your elder brother [Sec. Coke] constant to his reservedness, for notwithstanding the order he had from his Majesty to communicate to me some resolutions upon this last despatch out of France, yet have I nothing from him, but that the King has received a despatch, whereupon he is resolved to accept the treaty, and that the Prince Elector and his brother are presently to go for Holland, and that I must take care for their transportation. If some of my friends did not give me a little light, I should, for him, live in a great blindness. [1 p.]

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The Downs,
the Triumph.

85. Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh to [Sec. Coke]. The wind was long contrary for bringing our ships out of the Hope, and the punishment of White, for casting away the Anne [Royal], made the masters not willing to do anything that might bring the ship into danger to come on ground. We had two sons of Mr. Comptroller in this ship that were to go into the Low Countries to the States army. We met with Sir Robert Stone, who was to carry his wife and divers horses in a hoy into Holland. Meeting with so fair an occasion as a good ship for his wife to go in, and which might convoy his hoy that she might pass unmolested, he went in that ship [which] was to carry [the] Mr. Vanes along with us. The wind one evening coming fair, he persuaded Mr. Vane to take the next way to Holland, so we left them with their fair wind, which changed before they could get over the flats. They were forced to go back into deeper water, where they lie. Sir Robert left his wife with the two young gallants, and overland came hither last night. He intends to go in a ketch to Holland, to carry news to the Queen of Bohemia of her sons leaving England, and [the] Mr. Vanes will come overland to meet their father, whom they expect with the Prince Elector. [2 pp.]

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The Hague.

86. Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia to Archbishop Laud. I have written to the King on behalf of Croft, who has served these 13 years. Not having means to recompense her in this unfortunate state I am in, I have entreated the King to give her something. I earnestly beg your assistance. P.S.—I have written to the Lord Treasurer for Croft. I pray remember him of it. [*Endorsed by Archbishop Laud, "Concerning Mrs. Crofts." Seals with arms. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

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87. Petition of James Chadwick, clerk, to Archbishop Laud. William Beely, Archdeacon of Carmarthen, about five years since, having two parsonages, and conceiving he could not hold both, instituted and inducted petitioner into one of them, he being patron thereof, and immediately after procured petitioner to assign the same over to Thomas Hillersdon, an attorney's clerk, and William Burton, a scholar at Oxford, Beely's kinsman, and to give them a bond that they might quietly enjoy the whole profits (being 140*l. per annum*), except 40 marks. About six months

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after, Beely caused petitioner to marry one of his kinswomen, and in consideration thereof promised he should have the same parsonage regranted to him; whereupon petitioner lent him money, and laid out 40*l.* in repairing the parsonage house. Beely now denies to confer the parsonage on petitioner, or satisfy his moneys lent and laid out, but lays the bond of 300*l.* upon him, and threatens to imprison him, and for further oppression has caused the bishop of the diocese, himself, and petitioner to be served with a *Quare impedit*, having gotten the King's title for his nephew's son, and intends to force petitioner to leave the same parsonage. Prays the archbishop to command Beely, Hillersdon, and Burton to appear, and himself to hear and determine the business. [*Endorsed by William Dell, "For Sir John Lambe."* 1 p.]

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88. Petition of Miles Burkitt, clerk, vicar of Pattishall, co. Northampton, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner has been called into the High Commission Court, and articles exhibited against him for inconformity, unto which he has made his answer. Petitioner is now become not only sensible of his errors and youthful rashness, but exceedingly grieved for the same, and most ready to make any submission, promising for ever hereafter to become a true conformable son of the Church both for doctrine and discipline. Prays that he may be dismissed. *Underwritten,*

88. I. "*I desire Sir John Lambe to consider of this petition, and give me an account what he thinks fit to be done. For, in regard he promises so fairly, I shall not be unwilling to show him kindness, if I were sure of his amendment. W. CANT.*" 15th June 1637. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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89. Petition of Nicholas Luke, of Paxton, co. Huntingdon, to the same. There are articles of crime *ex officio mero* in the Court of High Commission given against petitioner; he craves your Grace to accept his submission, and so to order, that suppliant may avoid public punishment by referring the censure of the crime to Sir John Lambe. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

89. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to consider of petitioner's request, and give the archbishop an account of it at their next meeting.* 15th June 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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90. John Barrett to the same. Your Grace accepted formerly some rude lines touching the manners of my neighbour Simonds and his lewd company, concerning which Simonds (who was last term at the High Commission, and there obtained prorogation of his judgment until Michaelmas term) I have somewhat more to write, but much more concerning John Waller, the great agent of Simonds and his children in all vexations of the inhabitants of Cavenham, the rather because their return home with hope of easy sentence from the court makes Simonds and his man Waller (who is not yet articted against, for he was detained in prison to be further indicted on murder when the others were missived into the High Commission),

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makes them, I say, most impudently insolent, as also because I know that the eye of the whole clergy in our parts is upon the case, to expect freedom from contumelious usage or contempt, according as these parties shall be censured or freed; yea, the town wherein I live and some other next towns are like to ruin or be eased according to the immunities or restraints of old Simonds and Waller. Please you, therefore, to survey these articles, discovering the manners of Simonds since his being in the High Commission, as also of Waller, the only engine of vexation in our parts, desiring your Grace to conceal me and pardon my presumption. [1 p.] *Enclosed,*

90. I. *Articles against John Simonds the elder, of Cavenham, since his being in the High Commission. Seven articles, setting forth omission to come to church, with various acts of spite and ill temper, with abusive language, on the part of Simonds, who, although an old man, is described as able to outrun, outwork, and outfight the youngest son he hath, and as chiefest in labour, in ploughing, in carting, in hay, and in harvest. [1½ p.]*

90. II. *Articles against John Waller, farmer of the rectory of Cavenham. Ten articles, setting forth misconduct in his character of farmer of the rectory, as well as in his private capacity. He is charged with leaving the chancel of the church unthatched, allowing his hogs and cattle to be in the churchyard, and being a great swearer, blasphemer, contemner of God's priests (though in that respect more moderate than his master, Simonds), and altogether a person of very dissolute life. [1 p.]*

June 15. 91. Copy of the articles against John Waller, being the second paper annexed to the preceding article. [2 pp.]

June 15. 92. News-letter, written, as appears from one of a subsequent date, by "C. Rossingham." The subjects treated of are the following:—
1. Lord Moone [Mohun]'s nominal surrender to the Fleet upon his sentence in the Star Chamber, and his release on giving bond to pay his fine of 500*l.* to the King. Remarked absence of reflections upon Sir James Bagg in giving sentence attributed to order of the King. 2. Aldermen of London have been before the Council about the composition for Londonderry. Offer to surrender their plantation to the King, with which the Lords promised to acquaint his Majesty. The Lords urge the city to set up the trade of fishing on the English coast. Answer of the citizens, and especially of Alderman Garraway, to the effect that the citizens were much better employed. 3. Petition of the parishioners of St. Gregory by St. Paul's against the order for pulling down their church. 4. Sir John Strangwayes or Strangwish with Sir Lewis Dives and Sir Edward Stradling called into the Star Chamber for transporting gold out of the kingdom. 5. The Bishop of Lincoln had petitioned the King for a fortnight's longer time to instruct his counsel. The King took the petition, put off his hat, and gave the petition to the Lord Keeper, but no longer time will be

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allowed. 6. Contention between London and Norwich respecting the election of the next year's Mayor of Norwich (Alderman Atkins) to be Sheriff of London. Reasons why Atkins had removed from Norwich to London:—1. Because he was imprisoned for refusing to wear his arms at a general muster; and 2. Because of a prosecution of very many of the citizens of Norwich for not conforming to orders made by the bishop in his visitation. 3. Also because there is very little preaching in that city. 7. Arrival of Mons. Batier, secretary to the Earl of Leicester, with the conclusion of a confederacy between England and France. The Prince Elector and his brother go for Holland next week. On Monday they sent into the city for their bills where they owed money. 8. Meeting of the Commissioners for compositions for lands in Essex forest. Dr. Wright, the physician, paid 100*l.* composition. All the gentry will come in, but what the peasants will do is not yet known. When they meet together they talk at large, but being divided they soon become crest-fallen. 9. Sentence against Bastwick, Burton, and Prynne in the Star Chamber. The Bishop of London and the Archbishop of Canterbury passed no sentence, but the latter spake two hours out of a note-book prepared for that purpose. [4 *pp.*]

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Westminster.

93. The Council to the Messengers of the Chamber and all others. William Hester, Simon Preston, George Bennet, William King, William Pelham, Nicholas Becon, and Peter Coale, being authorized by the governor and Company of Soapmakers of the city of London to search for, seize, and carry away all soap and lees prohibited by proclamation, and to destroy all pans, tubs, cisterns, and other vessels employed for the making of such soap and lees, the persons addressed are charged to give assistance to the said Hester and others, and particularly in breaking open doors, and apprehending offenders, and in case of opposition, mayors, sheriffs, and justices of peace are to use such power and strength as shall be needful to subdue obstinate resistance. [*Copy.* 2½ *pp.*]

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Paris.

94. John Viscount Scudamore to Sec. Windebank. I hope that before this can come to your hands both your sons are arrived with you; they took leave of Paris upon Monday last. I shall be glad to hear it, and that Thomas Windebank has left his quartan to keep company with sea-fish. P.S.—Here is come to Paris Mr. Chambers, with the statue from Cardinal Barberini; another, the servant of him that made the statue, coming along in company to take it forth, but nowhere upon any terms till it be in England. Upon Monday next Chambers proposes to set forward for Dieppe. [1 *p.*]

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Westminster.

95. Sec. Windebank to the Keeper of Newgate. His Majesty has commanded that Henry Morse, prisoner in Newgate, shall be discharged, giving security to appear before the Council upon 20 days' warning. The keeper is to bring Morse to the writer's house at Westminster, to-morrow at eight o'clock in the morning, to enter security accordingly. [*Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

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June 16. 96. List of causes to be heard in the Star Chamber this day. They were four in number:—1. The Attorney-General *versus* Bishop Williams, of Lincoln; Walter Walker; Thomas Lund; Cadwallader Powell; William Catlin, clerk; Edward Lake; John Mostyn; and George Walker. Rice Williams, who had been a defendant, was struck out. This cause was for tampering with witnesses, and subornation of perjury. 2. The same *versus* Bishop Williams, a second cause for scandalous speeches against his Majesty. 3. The Earl of Marlborough *versus* Thomas Bennett. 4. The Attorney-General *versus* Thomas Lunsford and others. [*This was probably Archbishop Laud's copy of the cause list At the top of it he has written:—"Is his name thus written, Charles Fotherby, clerk, Master of Arts?" 1 p.*]

June 16. 97. Another similar list. This was Sec. Windebank's copy of the cause list. Against the list of defendants in the first cause he has written that there were seven other defendants; three stand in contempt for not answering, three had run away, and Wetherell stood in contempt for not answering interrogatories. [*1 p.*]

June 16. 98. Notes by Archbishop Laud of the several charges made against the defendants in the first cause, mentioned in the preceding list (that against Bishop Williams and others), with notes of the evidence in support thereof, and of that given on the part of the defendants. [= 27 pp.]

June 16. 99. Notes by Sec. Windebank of the proceedings in the same cause this day in the Court of Star Chamber. These notes comprise the general statements made by the counsel on both sides on opening the cause, with notes of the arguments of the Attorney-General. [*5 pp.*]

June 16. 100. Brief of the bill and answer in the cause of the Attorney-General (William Noy) *versus* Bishop Williams, being the first cause instituted against the bishop, and out of which arose the cause which came to a hearing this day. The bill in this case was filed in 1632. [*4 pp.*]

June 16. 101. The like of the various facts stated to be proved by the depositions of witnesses examined on the part of the prosecutor in the first cause mentioned in the preceding article. [*7 pp.*]

June 16. 102. The like of facts proved by witnesses on the part of the defendant. [*5 pp.*]

June 16. 103. Thomas Mostyn, Sheriff of co. Flint, to Nicholas. I have received your letter of the 7th May last, with an order from the Council to be served upon Mr. Williams, rector of Northop and Flint; which order I sent to my under-sheriff, Edward Spicer, to serve on Mr. Williams, at Llanrhaiadr, co. Denbigh, his continual residence. I send Spicer's certificate, how he served the order, and the answer he received of the wife of Williams, who was then at London. The money due, being 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, we have not received

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from Williams as yet. The residue of the charge upon that county was paid by my agent to Sir William Russell, the 12th May last. The sending it up cost me out of my own purse 6*l.*, paid to Christopher Blease, alderman at Chester, who undertook the payment thereof to the Treasurer. If other sheriffs have any allowance for conveying their moneys to London, I hope I may receive the like. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Enclosed,*

103. I. *Edward Spicer, under-sheriff of co. Flint, to Thomas Mostyn, sheriff. I repaired to the house of John Williams, clerk, in Llanrhaidr, and upon the 21st May last I delivered the order of Council above mentioned to the hands of Williams's wife, who refused to pay, alleging that her husband was then in London, but would deliver the same order to him at his return. 16th June 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

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Saltry, in Hun-
tingdonshire
[Sawtry.]

104. Sir Thomas Cotton, Sheriff of co. Huntingdon, to Nicholas. To give you an account of the ship-money in Huntingdonshire. The county was assessed at 2,000*l.*, whereof Huntingdon and Godmanchester were 114*l.* I suppose Huntingdon and Godmanchester have paid in their assessments; it concerns them to see it paid in, and not me. Of the 1,886*l.* from the county, I have paid to Sir William Russell 1,500*l.*, and am to pay in 386*l.* so soon as I can get it. Most of it I have, and am collecting what is behind, and then intend to make up my whole account. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

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St. John's
[Clerkenwell].

105. William Earl of Exeter, Lord Lieutenant of co. Northampton, to Sir John Heydon. My deputy-lieutenants inform me that their provision of powder grows low, and that it is a commodity hard to come by in the country. These are to desire you to furnish them out of the Tower at a reasonable rate, as formerly. [*Endorsed, "3 barrels to be delivered to Mr. John Loddington." Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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106. Note of letters from the Council, delivered to Reignold Gunnell, messenger, directed to,—1. Bishop of Bath and Wells, Mr. Bassett, and Mr. Malett, about hundred of Frome Selwood. 2. Lord Chamberlain, Lord Warden of the Stannaries. 3. Sheriff of co. Buckingham. [*Underwritten is mention of another letter to the Bishop of Bath and Wells from "my master."* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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107. Account [by Sir John Heydon?] of gunpowder sold and money received and paid to this day. The amount received was 49,482*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, of which 49,479*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* had been paid on several warrants. The powder for the King's 20 ships amounted to 12,127*l.* 10*s.*, of which 5,727*l.* 10*s.* remained unpaid, with 314*l.* for the Swallow and Ninth Whelp, in Ireland. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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108. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

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Hereford.

109. Thomas Church, Mayor of Hereford, to the Council. According to your letters to the sheriff of co. Hereford and myself, we met together, and upon examination of the differences respecting the assessment to the ship-money of lands lying in Holmer and

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Hampton Bishop, but within the liberties of Hereford, we could not agree; and therefore I certify, that when it is alleged that the occupiers of the lands in question have, time out of mind, been rated in all taxations with the parish, I find that they ever paid subsidies with the city, and do watch and ward with the city, and are constables within the city, and appear at the city courts, and do many other services in the city; from which, and various other considerations which are here stated at full, the writer concludes in opposition to the sheriff (*see No. 74*), but urges a speedy determination of the question, and, if the Lords thought fit, by some of the justices of the Marches of Wales. [1 p.]

June 17.
Whitehall.

Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. The commission for saltpetre has passed the great seal; to settle the repartition of the business of saltpetre. The saltpetremen desire that they may be furnished with duplicates of the commission of saltpetre. Agree upon a letter for delivery of a barrel of gunpowder, to be sent beyond seas for a pattern, to make trial how it will sell in France. Peruse letters from Officers of Navy. There attend two sergeants that arrested Richard Wyan, proctor of the Admiralty, without leave. Consider the petition of Mr. Giffard against Mr. Berington. Consider Mr. Fleming's petition, that Mr. Williamson may succeed him in the place of clerk of the Navy; also a memorial from the French Ambassador. The Officers of the Navy find many inconveniences through their not being justices of peace, as their predecessors were ever wont to be. Richardson, saltpetremen for Yorkshire, attends the Lords in the custody of the messenger. [*See this present Vol., No. 7. 1 p.*]

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110. Note by John Giffard, saltpetremen, of the loss he has sustained by the contempt of Humphrey Berington, in the destruction of a load of liquor thrown down and spilt by his order. Total, 42*l*. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

110. I. *Statement of John Abington and Guy Andrews, workmen for saltpetre, that Mr. Berington asked them if they intended to come to Bishopstone; and being told they did, swore they should have no work there. 3rd June 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] Endorsed,*

110. II. *Statement of William Roberts, that Mr. Berington told him that he caused the tubs to be thrown down because they should run no longer. 3rd June 1637. [Written on the same paper as the preceding. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

110. III. *Relation of Henry Thomas. Mr. Berington first did with his kinsman, Mr. Parry, to throw down the tubs of saltpetre, but he would not; and afterwards Berington stood by himself, and caused Thomas to throw them down. 6th June 1637. [1 p.]*

110. IV. *Affidavit of John Robbins, saltpetre workman. He states minutely the circumstances of the destruction of the*

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saltpetre tubs by Mr. Berington's orders. Upon being remonstrated with, he told them to take away their tubs and do what they would, for he would make no satisfaction at all. Henry Thomas alias Black Harry, and other persons connected with Mr. Berington, voluntarily stated that the destruction was by order of Berington, against the persuasions of his wife. Sworn 12th June 1637. [1 p.]

June 17. 111. Petition of Humphrey Berington to the Lords of the Admiralty. The accusation against petitioner, which Mr. Giffard presses upon the information of his servants, being contrary to the truth as attested upon petitioner's oath, he prays to have copies of the affidavits produced against him, and time to clear himself before the justices of assize or justices of the peace, before whom he will give bond to appear. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

June 17. 112. Order of the Commissioners of Saltpetre and Gunpowder, Whitehall. upon the complaint of John Giffard, saltpetremen, against Humphrey Berington. After reciting the facts as stated in papers before calendared, and that the damage to Giffard had been above 40*l.*, it was ordered that Berington should forthwith pay 30*l.* to the saltpetremen, and also the messenger's fees, and stand committed to the custody of the messenger until he humbly acknowledged his sorrow for his fault and performed this order. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 17. Copy of the same. [*See Vol. cccliii., fol. 33. 1 p.*]

June 17. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. The Red Lion is Whitehall. to be brought into dry dock at Deptford, to be repaired, under the charge of Peter Pett the elder. You are to give order to Pett to set in hand the reparations, and to appoint Mr. Apslin, assistant to the master-shipwrights, to go to Portsmouth and take charge of the works there in place of Mr. Goddard, as soon as Mr. Goddard comes from thence. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 32. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

June 17. The same to [William] Ackworth. By your place of storekeeper Whitehall. at Woolwich, you ought to reside there, where there is a house lately enlarged for your accommodation. You are forthwith to remove from the house wherein you now live at Deptford into the said house at Woolwich, there being other occasions for the habitation which you now possess. [*Ibid. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

June 17. The same to Officers of the Navy. It is held requisite, now that Whitehall. the works at Deptford grow great by the increase of the Navy, that one of his Majesty's shipwrights should reside at Deptford, as others are appointed to do at Chatham and Portsmouth. We have given order for Ackworth, storekeeper at Woolwich, to leave Deptford Yard and repair to the house belonging to his office at Woolwich. You are to place Peter Pett in Ackworth's house at Deptford, that he may take charge of the repair of the Red Lion. [*Ibid., p. 32. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

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Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Navy. We have appointed John Dymock to be keeper of stores at Portsmouth in place of Francis Brooke, who has surrendered his grant of that office. You are to admit Dymock to the said office, to hold the same with the house and all such fees as are belonging to the same, and the ancient fee of 20*l.* per annum, formerly paid to the said officer out of the Exchequer, but now by warrant to be paid by the Treasurer of the Navy. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 33. ½ p.*]

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The same to Robert Smith, messenger. To apprehend Richard Jones, master-gunner of the St. Dennis, and to bring him before the Lords to answer matters to be objected against him, with a clause of assistance. [*Ibid., fol. 33 b. ½ p.*]

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113. The King to the Lord Treasurer, the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Earl Marshal, the Lord Chamberlain, the Earls of Northumberland, Dorset, Holland, Danby, and Newport, Viscounts Wimbledon, Wilmot, Conway, Lord Herbert of Cherbury, Lord Cottington, Sir Henry Vane, Secs. Coke and Windebank, Sir Robert Mansell, Sir William Monson, Sir Henry Mervin, Sir William Balfour, Sir John Heydon, and Sir John Pennington. His Majesty appoints these Commissioners his Council of War, to consider such particulars as concern the securing of his realms, the assisting his allies, and all other matters concerning war. They are to consider the strength of the enemy, their likely attempts by sea or land, and in what parts to make the surest defence, and with what ships to make offence; also what aids to demand of his Majesty's allies, and to have regard to the well husbanding of his treasure; to examine all offences touching martial affairs, to consider the ability of officers to be employed, to advise of the best courses for the well ordering the trained bands, and to consider all actions and propositions concerning war. [*Abstract. 1½ p.*]

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114. Names of the Council of War above-mentioned. [1 p.]

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115. Petition of George Hall, of Old Windsor, Berks, to Archbishop Laud. About six years since, petitioner was chosen parish clerk of Old Windsor by Mr. Humphreys, the vicar, and the parishioners, and in your late metropolitcal visitation petitioner was confirmed in that place under seal; yet Humphreys, having lately conceived offence against petitioner, has put him out of his clerkship, and when petitioner was in suit before his ordinary for his right, Humphreys, upon undue suggestions to your Grace, procured petitioner to be suspended and to be admonished by Sir Nathaniel Brent and Dr. Lynne, referees from your Grace, not to proceed in his cause for clearing his right, albeit petitioner is well able to justify himself. Beseeches your Grace either to cause petitioner to be restored or that he may proceed in law to be relieved. *Underwritten,*

115. 1. "*I desire Sir Nathaniel Brent to peruse this petition, and if he have no just exception to the contrary, the party may take his course if he shall think fitting. W. CANT.*"
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June 17. 116. Ambrose Jermyn to Mr. Hales. To pay John Adams the writer's quarter's pay from Lady Day to Midsummer next. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 17. 117. Statement signed Wm. G. [William Grant]. That one Mr. Shephard, a silenced minister, being at Sion College this morning, was overheard to speak these words concerning the passages in the Star Chamber on the 14th inst.: "The Lord of Canterbury has possessed the King with I know not what. He slubbered over a company of arguments, and then he speaks for altars—altar! altar! altar! altar! just like his fellow monks of his acquaintance. And here he produced a bishop, whom he was sure, he said, that they would not call a Papist, who placed the communion table north and south, the Bishop of Salisbury; but I dined with one the other day who was of the same town, and told me how it was. He uses the King, labours with the King, to have his letters mandatory that it should be done. Here's fine doing! Here is fine doing! And when he came to speak of reverence to altars, oh! what a stir he kept. He said that where there is *verbum Dei* there is *corpus Dei*. Oh! wretched man, 'tis blasphemy!" Many scandalous speeches concerning the coming in of Popery. "You may see what they be. Here was Wren, the last Lord's day he goes down to Greenwich, forsooth, and as he took water the people all there bad the devil take him—the devil go with him; so that you may see that it is God's mercy that he is hated of all the people." And many such like speeches for the space of an hour. [*Endorsed by Sir John Lambe as Mr. Jo[hn] Grant's note, with the date of 23rd July 1637. 1 p.*]

June 17. 118. Bill for work done by Thomas Mand, a woman's tailor, for "the Right Honourable Mrs. Porter," from 29th May last to this day. Total, 6*l.* 6*s.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 17. 119. Account of Edward Fenn, for Sir William Russell, of ship-money received, under writs of October 1636, since the 10th inst. Total, 1,600*l.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 17. 120. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 598*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* paid by Heneage Proby, late sheriff of co. Buckingham, in part of 4,500*l.* ship-money assessed upon that county by writ of 4th August 1635. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 17. 121. Similar receipt for 530*l.* paid by Leonard Townsend on behalf of Sir Edward Hussey, sheriff of co. Lincoln, in part of 8,000*l.* assessed upon that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 17. 122. Account of ship-money levied and remaining in the sheriffs' hands under writ of 1636, being 12,523*l.*, making, with 129,516*l.* paid to Sir William Russell, the total collected 142,039*l.* [1 p.]

June 17. 123. Certificate of Edward Masters, of Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, tailor, that Thomas Denham, servant to Sir John Dingley, served

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Masters for seven years' apprenticeship in the faculty of a tailor. [*Underwritten*, Attestation of the truth thereof by Thomas Barrett, vicar of Shorwell, and two others. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 18. 124. Francis Earl of Bedford to Sec. Windebank. It is the suit of Lord Maltravers and myself that such offenders as stand committed, or are in the messenger's hands, may enter into bond, one for another, to appear within 10 days' warning in London, for their misdemeanours in the fen business. [*Seal with crest.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 18. 125. John Crane to the Lords of the Admiralty. I have delivered your warrant to Sir William Russell for payment of 30,270*l.* 18*s.* for the victualling of the ships now at sea, whereof I have received from him 24,300*l.*, so there remains unpaid 5,970*l.* 18*s.* The estimate amounts to 634*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* more than I have received warrant for. I have also victualled the Richard and Mary by warrant from the Officers of the Navy, which amounts to 954*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, so there is yet unpaid for this service 7,559*l.* 13*s.* My suit is that Sir William Russell may make payment of the moneys due to me. [1 p.]

June 18. 126. Thomas Holt to John Crane. Upon Wednesday last, about Portsmouth. 10 o'clock at night, happened a fire in a thatched house, which was burned to the ground, wherein his Majesty's anchor-house, and the backhouse that the writer lives in, were miraculously preserved. The house that was burnt stood within 20 yards of it, and the wind carried all the fire upon the King's house. The little house covered with slates adjoining the writer, being next to the burnt house, was also on fire, yet, contrary to all men's expectation, the people quenched it and preserved the same house and the King's. The anchor-house, backhouse, and the long storehouse, which are of great consequence, are environed with thatched houses and barns. Suggests that Crane should inform the Lords of this accident, whereby they may take some order for prevention in time to come, or command the owners of the adjoining houses to cover the same with slate or tiles. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

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June 19.

1. Sir Thomas Edmondes, Sir Henry Vane, Sir Roger Palmer, Sir Thomas Merry, Sir Robert Pye, Sir Edmund Sawyer, Sir Henry Knollys, Sir Charles Harbord, Foulk Price, Justinian Povey, Francis Phelips, and William Hill to [the Council]. Report upon two petitions, one from John Wister and others his Majesty's servants, for moneys due to them for provisions served into the late King's house in the 21st and 22nd years of his reign, amounting together to 4,000*l.*, and undertaken (as they allege) to be paid by Sir William Hewet, then receiver-general of his late Majesty's compositions and

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sales; and the other petition from Sir William Hewet, alleging that he never undertook to pay further than by his patent he was limited, and that he has cleared his account, and therefore desires to be discharged. The referees set forth very minutely the state of Sir William Hewet's account at its close, and what were then, and still are, the outstanding debts from which the first-mentioned petitioners were to be paid. They submit that a privy seal should be obtained for receiving the moneys yet due, and for payment thereof to such of his Majesty's servants as by virtue of debentures are to receive the same. [4 pp.]

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2. Sir Thomas Roe to Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia. Your Majesty's letter of the 7th inst. was given me at Theobald's, attending the Prince Elector there, which found us preparing for his return, so that I shall be impertinent to trouble you to relate the cause of this sudden change, or to give you my opinion on it, which I have done to his Highness. If a solemn treaty in Germany does not build upon this foundation laid between England and France, to settle a general league with the Swedes and other princes, all that is done will do no more than give the Frenchmen scope under that shadow to accommodate their own affairs. They could with no shame longer defer us for an answer, nor give a leaner than to refer to a treaty, which they may hope will never take effect by our own slowness. All effect will depend upon his Majesty's round resolutions, but the blame and scorn will be thrown upon us. For I know the height of the Swedes. They are the lady that must be courted both with prayers and gifts, and are not to be whistled into a treaty made by others. I received a letter from Stockholm, which I showed his Majesty, whereby he may perceive what he has to do, and if he do it not timely and really, the Swedes are like to refuse us, and from thence the French slip the collar and start from all obligation; for though the counsel be good to get more into the confederacy, it looks like a back door; I like it not. I hope the Prince shall obtain a declaration of his Majesty before he depart, that he may have something to say in Holland, and the States no excuse. In their fishing they shall have no disturbance, and if they take the time, they may oblige the King and secure themselves. I am glad they were not guilty of delay in the treaty with France, and should be glad they would compound the malicious report by cheerful joining and co-operation. By that means they may have more benefit of the Prince's fleet than he, for the security of their trade and coasts. I will no farther interrupt your Majesty but with a paper to read at leisure, concerning the proposition of the Prince's presence at the treaties, which I am sorry you misapprehended, or had need from our obscurity to ask counsel of so many, for the business was contingent, not suddenly to be done, but upon many presuppositions not yet resolved. Yet he defends the opinion, but submits to her judgment. Explains what was designed, but refers her to his paper and to Sir Thomas Ferentz; for "we both err, if we err, alike." The Prince Elector leaves behind him such an odour of his sweetness and

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virtues that all good men mourn his departure. I was sad to see him languishing in our labyrinths of delay and pleasure. I hope his Majesty will send ambassadors and prosecute the general league. That is as much as he can do alone. Without confederacy he cannot be engaged in a war in Germany. Who shall be employed I know not. If I be commanded, I am ready to sacrifice my life in your service. You have your desire for Prince Rupert, whose youth was too precious to be trained here. I doubt not he returns to you untainted. I will not answer for all designs upon him. The enemy is a serpent as well as a wolf, and though he should prove impregnable, yet you have done wisely to preserve him from battery. It is infinite pity he is not employed according to his genius, for whatsoever he undertakes, he does it vigorously and seriously. His nature is active and spriteful, and may be compared to steel, which is the commanding mettle if it be rightly tempered and disposed. [2 pp.] *Enclosed,*

2. 1. *Proposition and reasons for the presence of the Prince Elector Palatine at Hamburg, or any other place near the sea, where the general treaty shall be designed in Germany. The proposal was that the congress of ambassadors once met, the Prince should come up the Elbe with his fleet and visit them.* [3½ pp.]

June 19. Commissioners for Saltpetre and Gunpowder to Montjoy Earl of Whitehall. Newport. To issue three barrels of gunpowder at 18d. per lb. to John Loddington for the deputy lieutenants of co. Northampton. [Minute. See Vol. ccclv., No. 61, p. 3. ½ p.]

June 19. 3. Sir Sackville Crow to the Governors of the Chest [at Chatham]. Mr. Ward, in behalf of the Chest, has been with me, demanding satisfaction for that debt which is due from me thereunto. I have no other way at present whereby to perform it, but out of that assignment which the King has given me on Lord Goring, it being 1,600l. for 14 years. I have propounded to Ward, as formerly I have done to Sir Henry Palmer and some other of your society, to set out of that assignment such a yearly sum as (allowing interest for your money) shall equal your debt. If you like of the way, I will give meeting to such as you shall depute to see the sum ascertained and assigned. [Seal with arms. 1¾ p.]

June 19. 4. Thomas Reade to his uncle, Sec. Windebank. Every one of New College, your letters lays me under a new obligation. Happy me, who have Oxford. fallen into your clemency, which, if there be any merit in me, will inscribe it on marble for perpetual memory, whilst my demerits you will easily forget. I should formerly have perished if, when perishing, you had not stretched forth your hand towards me. [Latin. ¾ p.]

June 19. 5. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

June 20. 6. The King to the Keeper of Newgate. At the instance of the Greenwich. Queen, we have granted that Henry Morse, lately indicted upon

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suspicion of being a priest, and still prisoner at Newgate, shall be enlarged upon security to appear before the Council when he shall be thereunto called. He has given security to that purpose; we therefore command you to set him at liberty. [*Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

[June 20.] 7. Capt. Phineas Pett to the Lords of the Admiralty. Having divers services for his Majesty during the finishing the Great Ship at Woolwich (whereof there is great expedition required by his Majesty), to employ Edward Keling, clerk to the Company of Shipwrights, for which service a very small charge is to come upon his Majesty's account, I entreat your warrant for that service, and that Keling may be required to attend as there shall be occasion until the ship shall be launched, or further if there be need. [1 p.]

June 20. 8. Sir William Belasys, Sheriff of co. Durham, to Nicholas. I have taken bond of John Burdon, one of the high constables of Stockton ward, co. Durham, to appear before the Council to answer for not collecting ship-money given him in charge. Burdon is behind 70*l.*; his day of appearance was the 18th May last, but having neither paid the money nor made his appearance, I desire to know the Lords' order therein. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 20. 9. Certificate of Sir John Borough, Garter King of Arms, that he had appointed, during pleasure, George Langley, of Wisbech, and Edmund Langley, of London, painters, to paint in all churches in Norfolk and Suffolk his Majesty's arms, forbidding all other painters to intermeddle with the same. [*Copy.* 1 p.]

June 20. 10. Bond of John Cowell, John Revans, Edward Cooke, William Eldred, John Beales, John Wright, John Clarke, Anthony Larkin, and Joan Watson, all of Wretton, Norfolk, in 200*l.* to the King, conditioned to be void if they shall not hinder the works of draining in the Great Level of cos. Northampton, Lincoln, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge, Huntingdon, and the Isle of Ely, but shall further those that have charge for the execution of the Act of Sewers made at King's Lynn the 13th January 1631, and shall appear before the Council after ten days' warning. [1 p.]

June 20. 11. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 70*l.* paid by Lawrence Osbaldiston on behalf of Richard Shuttleworth, sheriff of co. Lancaster, part of 4,000*l.* ship-money assessed upon that county. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
Annexed,

11. I. *Similar receipt for 475*l.* paid by George Chetham and John Lightbowne on behalf of the Sheriff of co. Lancaster, in full satisfaction of "their parts" of 2,204*l.* ship-money imposed on the said county under writ of 20th October then last. Dated 7th March 1634-5. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

11. II. *Similar receipt for 8*l.* paid by George Townson on behalf of the Mayor and Bailiffs of Lancaster, in satisfaction of their part of the 2,204*l.* above-mentioned. Dated 7th March 1634-5. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

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11. III. *Similar receipt for 3,500*l.* paid by George Chetham on behalf of Humphrey Chetham, Sheriff of co. Lancaster, in full for the ship-money charged upon the said county by writ of 4th August then last. Dated 18th December 1635. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*
- June 20. 12. Particular of the assessment for ship-money on the several parishes of co. Pembroke, with the portion thereof rated upon the clergy, certified by Sir John Stepney, sheriff. [5 pp.]
- June 20. 13. Officers of the Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. There being a necessity (upon his Majesty's pleasure to have his Great Ship launched by Michaelmas) to require Rabenett, the boatswain of the Greyhound, to lay out the moorings and rigging, we desire your Lordships to appoint some man to take charge of that pinnace that we may forthwith recall Rabenett. [1 p.]
- June 21. 14. Warrant to pay to Sir Richard Wynne, Treasurer to the Queen, Westminster. 1,000*l.* for the expenses of her Majesty's progress. [*Strip of parchment. 8 lines.*]
- June 21. 15. The like to pay to James Marquess of Hamilton 500*l.* for Westminster. provision of horses and saddles for the Prince Elector and Prince Robert his brother, and for other occasions. [*The like. 8 lines.*]
- June 21. 16. The King to the Lord Treasurer, Chancellor of Exchequer, Westminster. Commissioners for Recusants, and all Judges of Assize and others. No indictment or suit is to be prosecuted against Thomas Lord Arundel of Wardour, or the Lady Anne his wife, for recusancy till we shall signify our pleasure. [*Copy. 1 p.*]
- June 21. Entry on the Admiralty Register, that Richard Wyatt, formerly sent for, was discharged from attendance, his business being committed to Sir Henry Marten. [*Copy. Vol. cccliii., fol. 34. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]
- June 21. The Lords of the Admiralty to Sir James Bagg. Capt. Henry Whitehall. Stradling, of the Dreadnought, about the 8th inst., sent to you the person of William Leonardson, Rear-Admiral of a fleet of Hollanders, for some insolvency committed by him, to be kept in safe custody till further order. Forasmuch as the Admiral and Vice-Admiral did their duties to the King's ships and disavowed the neglect of the Rear-Admiral, and he has now sufficiently suffered for his fault, which may make him hereafter better understand himself and his duty, you are required forthwith to release him. [*Ibid., fol. 34. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]
- June 21. The same to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. Upon receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., we referred the consideration of the offences committed by the Biscayner, stayed by Rabenett, to Sir Henry Marten, and intend, as he shall advise, to have the captain and company prosecuted. The Rear-Admiral of the Hollanders, sent into Plymouth by Capt. Stradling, we have given order to be discharged, being unwilling to punish him too long for his fault. We should have sent to you to have given order for his discharge, but that

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we conceived it would have been the loss of much time. He will have suffered above a fortnight's imprisonment before our discharge come to him. [*Vol. cccliii., fol. 34. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

June 21. 17. Extract from the above letter of the passage concerning the discharge of the Dutch Rear-Admiral; misdated "1634." [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 21. 18. Humphrey Berington, of Bishopstone, co. Hereford, to the Lords of the Admiralty. According to an order of the 17th inst., I acknowledge that I am very sorry for my fault in the said order mentioned. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

June 21. Entry on the Admiralty Register of the appearance of Humphrey Berington this day. Having acknowledged his sorrow for his fault, and performed the Lords' order, he was discharged. [*See Vol. cccliii., fol. 34 b. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]

June 21. Commissioners of Saltpetre and Gunpowder to the Clerk of the
Whitehall. Crown. His Majesty has renewed the commission of saltpetre to the writers and others, and they have granted deputations for that service to several persons, who are necessarily to have duplicates of the said commission. Pray him to deliver to each saltpetremen deputed by them two duplicates apiece of the said commission. [*Copy. Vol. ccxcii., fol. 50. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

June 21. 19. Capt. Henry Stradling to Algernon Earl of Northumberland.
The Dread- On Sunday night last I was forced into the Sound of Plymouth to fill
nought. my water-cask. Yesterday, when I was ready to go to sea, there came in a French ship laden with bank fish, taken upon our coast by five Dunkirk frigates. According to your lordship's order I have delivered her over to the French that first owned her, but because there are belonging to her but two men and a boy, I have left her in charge of Capt. George Bagg, who has taken an inventory of all things belonging to her, until such time as notice may be given to the merchants that own the goods at Newhaven in France, that they may take some course to fetch her hence. This day I intend again to put to sea. [*Copy. 1 p.*]

June 21. 20. The same to Capt. George Bagg, Lieutenant of his Majesty's
The Dread- fort at Plymouth. I have received command from the Earl of
nought. Northumberland that in case any man-of-war shall offer violence to any ship in any of his Majesty's harbours or coasts I should endeavour to right the injured party. A French ship belonging to Newhaven in France coming from the bank [of Newfoundland] is arrived within St. Nicholas Island at Plymouth. She was lately taken on our coasts by five frigates of Dunkirk, and by some of their company brought in thither. These are to pray you to keep the said ship and goods until you receive further orders from the Earl of Northumberland. [*Copy. 1 p.*]

June 21. Nicholas to Sir Henry Marten. I send an extract of a letter
Westminster. from Capt. Stradling to the Earl of Northumberland (*see No. 19, of*

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this present Volume), likewise a letter from Capt. Polkinhorne to Capt. Rabenett, and the examination of Thomas Phiff, a Scotsman, touching a Biscayner, which has committed insolencies upon the coast as well against his Majesty's subjects as upon strangers. The Lords of the Admiralty pray you to send them by to-morrow afternoon your opinion what is fit to be done with the said Biscayner and her men. [*Copy. Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 152.*]

June 21.

21. Edward Nicholas and Richard Poole to the Lords of the Admiralty. There was a barrel of saltpetre, containing about 4 cwt., which was delivered to Richardson himself, and never brought into the King's store; also various quantities, containing in all 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs., for which Kerle is accountable, who says he sent it all to Clutterbuck, his agent. Besides this, we find that William Richardson, being bound by contract to deliver 25 lasts 14 cwt. within these last three years, has delivered only 7 lasts 7 cwt. 25 lbs., so as he wants of his proportion 18 lasts 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs. [*Draft. ½ p.*] *Written over the above,*

21. I. *Statement of various quantities of saltpetre delivered to several persons, among them several of the quantities mentioned above. [½ p.] Annexed,*

21. II. *Further statement of saltpetre delivered by William Richardson from 11th July 1634 to 1st April 1636. [1½ p.]*

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22. Copy of the foregoing letter. [*½ p.*]

June 21.

23. Petition of Anthony Larkin, John Clarke, and eight others, inhabitants of Wretton, Norfolk, to Francis Earl of Bedford, Henry Lord Maltravers, Edward Lord Gorges, and others, the conservators of the fens in Norfolk and the residue of the Great Level. Petitioners, being persons of weak estates and capacities, amongst other inhabitants of Wereham Stoke *cum* Wretton, all intercommoners in their fens, the 16th May last, going in procession about the bounds of their fens, as usually they have done, found five persons digging in their fens without direction, being contrary as well to Lynn law made 13th January 1631, as to the law of allotment assigned to their honours at St. Ives and Wisbech betwixt 27th June and 11th August 1636, in the "hardes," and in such an inconvenient place where petitioners lay their shot net for fowl, as would be the utter undoing of the three townships if they had gone on (consisting of 735 souls), which subsist merely off the fens, they being a principal place for his Majesty and your honours' provision of fowl, insomuch as petitioners have often sent up weekly three horse loads at a time, being worth to them 100*l.* per annum. The diggers being demanded who set them at work, they said a gent, but who they knew not, nor by what authority. It was requested that they would forbear; whereupon, having formerly taken up their tools, they peaceably departed; for which petitioners are commanded to attend the Council table to answer the same. Pray their

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honours, if petitioners have been led into an error, to commiserate them, and be a means for their ready discharge. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

23. I. *Francis Earl of Bedford to Sec. Windebank. I am a suitor on behalf of myself and the rest of the adventurers that you would accept of bonds from such persons as shall be presented to you by the bearer, according to an order made the 10th May last, and that such as present bonds may be discharged. 21st June 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

June 21.
Colchester.

24. Jonas Proast and Thomas Colt, ministers of the Dutch congregation, and John Langley, Samuel Hainer, and Josias Suder [?], in the name of the rest, to Sir Nathaniel Brent, Vicar-General to Archbishop Laud. Humbly recognizing the archbishop's authority, and with thanks for his indulgence unto our aliens and natives of the first descent, for enjoying their freedom in the use of their former rites of divine service and discipline, we have received both by letter from Sir Nathaniel to Gabriel Honifold, and also by intimation from Doctor Aylett, our worthy commissary, the knowledge of his Grace's pleasure about our natives of the second descent, who are henceforth to receive the Holy Eucharist, to baptize, to marry, to bury, &c. in their parish churches. Whereupon, having maturely deliberated, they find nothing to except against his Grace's pleasure. [1 p.]

June 21.

25. Extracts from the Pell receipts of moneys paid into the Exchequer by the Company of Soapmakers of Westminster on account of their payment of 6*l.* upon every hogshead of soap sold by them. The payments from the 2nd December 1636 amounted to 8,000*l.*, besides which there was a payment of 129*l.* 9*s.* 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* for profits of soap made by divers persons without licence, seized by the secretary of the company and sold, from 2nd February 1635–6 to the 1st June 1637. [*Roll of parchment.*]

June 22.
Whitehall.

26. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Declare how far the Victualler of the Navy shall be paid, to whom there is payable upon the estimates 6,605*l.* for the great fleet; and how far the Lieutenant of the Ordnance, to whom there is payable for this year's estimates 25,099*l.*, and for the old 2,830*l.* Sign estimate for Ireland. The cause for the money taken up at the Isle of Wight is to be heard upon appeal, and it concerning the King about 3,000*l.*, his Majesty's proctor desires a message may be sent from the Lords to the delegates to despatch it. Settle proportions to be assigned to each saltpetremans, whereof the Master of the Ordnance has a list. Deputy Lieutenants of Yorkshire desire two lasts of powder for 12*d.* the pound according to an old warrant. Receive account from Poole and Nicholas concerning saltpetre to be brought in by William Richardson. Consider a petition of Sir John Drake's executors; also Mr. Evelyn's business. There attends Caleb Cockcroft, about foreign petre brought in by him; also Mr. Wyan, the King's proctor. [1 p.]

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June 22.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Keeper of the Marshalsea. To take into his custody John Phillipps and Thomas Payne, and keep them safe prisoners until further order. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 34 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

June 22.
Whitehall.

The same to the Officers of the Navy. Send petition of [Dennis] Fleming, clerk of the Navy, to the King, referred to the writers. Pray the Officers to consider as well the contents thereof as of the person to whom Fleming desires to resign over his said place, and to certify their opinions of such change, and whether they conceive Williamson to be a man fit for the place. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 35. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

June 22.
Whitehall.

The same to Sir James Bagg. We send several papers concerning a Biscayner lately taken by Capt. Rabenett within your vice-admiralty; the first being an examination of one Phiff, a Scotsman, one of the company of the Biscayner; the second, a letter from Capt. Polkinhorne, your deputy vice-admiral of those parts, in which he affirms that the Biscayner has taken, in view of the town, the poor people that repaired towards the same, and constrained them to ransom themselves; the third is a letter of Capt. Stradling (*see Vol. ccclxi., No. 41*). You are to cause a seizure to be made to his Majesty's use of the said vessel as pirates' goods, and to commit the men to the next gaol, to be tried at an admiralty session, which we require you to call. In the meantime you are to cause the captain and company to be strictly examined what wrongs have been done by them, not only in this voyage, but in any other voyage heretofore. You are also to take a course that his Majesty's subjects mentioned in Phiff's examination may attend to give evidence. P.S.—If upon the trial of the captain or company any of them happen to be condemned you are to forbear execution till (upon advertisement of their condemnation) his Majesty's pleasure shall be signified. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 35. $1\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

June 22.
Whitehall.

Order of the Lords of the Admiralty upon petition of Nathaniel Apslin, assistant to his Majesty's shipwrights at Chatham, praying that he may be spared from going to Portsmouth in the room of Peter Pett, which may tend much to his prejudice, by reason of an executorship lately imposed upon him, concerning himself and divers orphans. It was referred to the Officers of the Navy to consider if there be some other of his Majesty's shipwrights or of their assistants who have not lately attended at Portsmouth that may be spared to be sent there, and to give order accordingly. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 35 b. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

June 22.
Whitehall.

Order of the same on petition of Henry Rosewell and others, executors of Sir John Drake, deceased, showing that upon account drawn up by Auditor Phelips, by warrant from the late Lord Treasurer, Sir John was made a debtor to his Majesty 256*l.* 18*s.*, whereof, by warrant from the Lords, he paid to Nicholas 250*l.*, so that at his death there remained in his hands only 6*l.* 18*s.*; praying

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that he may have a *quietus est* upon payment of the same. It was referred to the commissioners appointed to examine accounts of collectors of the tenths of prizes to certify their opinion, that the Lords may thereupon take such order as shall be fit. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 36. ½ p.*]

June 22.
Whitehall.

27. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty. We have upon conference with Sir William Russell resolved that there shall within three days be paid to Mr. Crane, victualler of the Navy, 2,000*l.*; and that the rest of the money payable to him, and likewise what is payable to the Office of Ordnance, shall be paid as we shall on Monday sennight set down. [*Copy. ⅔ p.*]

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Another copy of the above. [*See Vol. ccclxiii., fol. 36. ½ p.*]

June 22.
Whitehall.

Commissioners for Saltpetre and Gunpowder to Sir John Wolstenholme and Sir Abraham Dawes. We send petition of Caleb Cockcroft, merchant, touching foreign powder brought into the kingdom contrary to proclamation, praying you to examine when the proclamation was published, at what time the ship that brought in the powder went from Hamburgh, when the powder was brought in, whether the importation was discovered by the persons that owe the powder to Officers of the Customs before it was seized, and, lastly, by whom and when it was seized. [*Copy. See Vol. ccxcii., fol. 51.*]

June 22.
Lambeth.

28. Archbishop Laud to Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia. I did not think when I received your last letter of May $\frac{10}{29}$, that your sons would so soon after have been coming towards you. But the business with the French is in good forwardness now, and that has hastened the Prince Elector to return to look to his business on that side. How things stand for this treaty his Highness will be able to give you a particular account. For the Swedes, I doubt not but his Majesty will now give them such answer as is fit; and I hope you prophesy truly of them, that we shall have most reason to trust them; but I do not love to be too confident of persons or things at so great distance. Concerning his Majesty giving the title of Emperor to the King of Hungary, I assure myself that his Majesty will do nothing but to the best good for the Prince Elector; and if the French king do it not therewhile 'tis well. I hope he will not. Yet we hear daily of open passages and securities given for coming to Cologne and the like; and I am a little to seek how these things can be had without acknowledging the Emperor. I am very glad you have received the books and like them, and hope as you have occasion to use more, you will command that service from me. If the Prince of Orange be gone or is going into the field, God be his good speed! The like I heartily wish to the young Prince Maurice. You do exceedingly well to put him into action betimes. The heat has been as great here as in those parts; to me nothing is so troublesome, and I cannot but doubt it will prove a wet and unwholesome summer after this long, early, and

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fierce heat. The two young princes have both been very kind and respective of me in this time of their stay here; I heartily thank them for it, and beg you to thank them at my entreaty. [*Copy.* 1 p.]

June 22.
Doctors'
Commons.

29. Sir Henry Marten to the Lords of the Admiralty. I received a letter from Mr. Nicholas of the 21st inst. with the enclosures, of which that of Roger Polkinhorne stated that this base Biscayner (as he termed him) lay hovering on the coasts to pillage the King's friends, and had taken, in view of the town, the poor people that repaired towards them, and constrained them to ransom themselves and their barks. My opinion is that a present seizure should be made of the vessel and all other things belonging to them as pirates' goods; that the men should be committed to the next gaol, and tried the next admiralty session, which should be held with all convenient speed; that in the meantime all the company of the vessel should be examined what wrongs have been done by them and their captain, not only in this voyage, but any other voyage heretofore, and this not for want of further evidence, for what need of further evidence if Polkinhorne's relation be true. Only this I add, that I should much marvel at this insolent misdemeanour if I did not guess the causes of their encouragement to be the strange dismissal formerly of such companions in those parts, and perhaps without your special care the like may be done to these offenders. [*1½ p.*]

June 22.
London.

30. Sec. Coke to Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh, on board the Triumph, in the Downs. The Prince Elector and his brother going hence on Monday will inform you in what concerns them, and how the treaties betwixt his Majesty and the French are now resolved on. The next business is to invite the States and the Swedes and the King of Denmark into this treaty. We have already despatched instructions to our agents to perform this office, and the French will do the like. If the Hollanders now trouble us with debates about the fishing on our sea pretences, they will stand in their own light. I presume better things of their wisdom, and that they will take the opportunity to engage their particular in the public that they may advance their own in the common cause. We shall now write every day, and therefore I crave pardon for brevity. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

June 22.
Westminster.

Nicholas to [Montjoy Earl of Newport]. I am commanded by the Commissioners for Saltpetre to desire you to advise with the Officers of the Ordnance touching the distribution of the counties to the saltpetremen, and assigning fitting proportions of saltpetre to be made by each, and to send a list thereof that order may be given for deputations. [*Copy. Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 152.*]

June 22.

31. News-letter by C. Rossingham, dealing with the following subjects:—1. Letters to the counties to compound for offences committed by inn and alehouse keepers and victuallers contrary to

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their recognizances. Other commissions ordered against scriveners who have taken above 5s. brokage in the pound, with a clause against usurers; against those who have erected cottages. 2. Cause in the Exchequer between Mr. William Murray, of the bedchamber, and Sir John Hippisley heard over again by the King's command. It related to Sir John's accounting for reprisal goods. The result was the same as before. 3. The King has accepted the surrender by the city of the Londonderry plantation and 10,000*l.* over and above. 4. Mr. St. John's study in Lincoln's Inn searched by Sir William Becher under a Council warrant. His papers were seized and brought away, with a cabinet. They included his notes about the argument of the ship-writ called in question by Lord Saye, and records about the forest bounds and laws. 5. The bill against Sir John Strangwish is come in. Besides the three knights there are others lately served, and the sum charged in the bill is no less than 200,000*l.* Mr. Kilvert solicits the cause. 6. Opening of the cause against the Bishop of Lincoln, charges against him, and weariness of the judges, and remarks of Mr. Attorney. The bishop has written to the King, casting himself on the King's mercy, and beseeching that the bill against him may be no farther prosecuted, but his Majesty is resolved to have it openly heard. 7. Petition of Mr. Prynne to the King, beseeching him to consider that he had not been refractory in [not] answering the information against him, and showing why his answer had not been put in. His Majesty read the petition and put it in his pocket, but I do not yet hear what is done in it. 8. Quarrel between Sir John Maynard and Jack Craven, in which Lord Powis interfering received several blows. The Lord Chamberlain made up the business. 9. Son of Dr. Gouge, the minister of Blackfriars, found dead in the Thames, stabbed in the breast and throat. Capt. Blundell is clapt up in Newgate upon suspicion, but Dr. Gouge is of opinion that he is innocent. [4 pp.]

June 23.
His Majesty's
Fort
[Plymouth].

32. Capt. George Bagg to his brother Sir James Bagg. My last was by Capt. Stradling's packet. I expect your order touching that advice. The ship, by the enclosed warrant from Capt. Stradling, I have brought in and taken an inventory; I have given the charge of it to Mr. Deane. We have put all things underdecks, and anailed the hatches fast, and put a soldier aboard with the Frenchman that was taken in her, and one in behalf of the Dunkirker. According to what you advise it shall be followed. I know it is very safe, and when it is to be delivered up that there will not be wanting the value of sixpence. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.] *Enclosed,*

32. 1. *Capt. Henry Stradling to Capt. George Bagg. Copy of letter already calendared under its date, 21st June inst., No. 20.* [1 p.]

June 23.

33. John Earl of Bridgewater to Thomas Meautys. This afternoon Henry Sanson and William Payne have given some information which may tend towards part of excuse, concerning the business they were sent for by the messenger. Thinks good that they be

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discharged. They have undertaken to the Earl to be forthcoming when the party shall be there who informed against them. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 23.

34. Notes by Sec. Windebank of this day's proceedings in the cause of Bishop Williams, of Lincoln, being the third day of hearing. Throughout the sitting the Attorney-General proceeded with the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th charges, stating the evidence in support of them, which is copiously noted by Sec. Windebank. [$5\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]

June 23.

35. Petition of Thomas Bowyer, eldest son of Sir Thomas Bowyer, to the King. Petitioner's father bears the honour of a baronet, which is descendible to petitioner, and for its maintenance the lands of his father ought of right also to descend to petitioner. So it is, that his father has taken so great displeasure against him for taking a wife that had but a small portion (although a gentlewoman of birth equal to petitioner, for virtue and all other endowments without exception, a near neighbour well known unto his father, and before petitioner's marriage very well commended by his father), that he will not allow petitioner any maintenance nor endure to see him, albeit petitioner has endeavoured all possible ways to entreat him to resume his love and favour. And whereas divers of his father's lands are settled upon petitioner, he has of late divested him thereof, and goes about utterly to disinherit him and to settle his whole estate upon petitioner's younger and only brother; and further to depress petitioner, has caused certain bonds wherein petitioner stands engaged for his brother and some others, more than for his own debt, to be put in suit against him, so that he dare not go abroad to seek relief. In consideration whereof, and for that petitioner and his heir male (if God send him a son, his wife being big with child), cannot be deprived of his father's dignity, but by this means shall inherit no part of his estate, which may in some sort be a dishonour to his Majesty, from whom that honour is derived, petitioner prays directions to the Council, to use such powerful persuasions with his father that he may receive petitioner again into favour and not disinherit him of his lands, being 1,200*l*. *Underwritten,*

35. I. *Reference to the Lord Privy Seal, the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Earl Marshal, and the Earl of Dorset, for the purpose desired. Greenwich, 23rd June 1637. [1 p.] Annexed,*

35. II. *Report upon the above reference. We have had several treaties with Sir Thomas Bowyer. He alleges great debts that lie upon his own estate, which he hoped to have freed by his son's marriage portion, but his son marrying without his consent, and but with a small portion, he is frustrated in his expectation. Yet we see that, considering his son's estate was so little, though his wife's portion was but 400*l*., she being of good parentage, the match was not very unequal. For any debts the son is engaged for the father, those the father will clear, but not undertake his son's debts. For assurance of lands (though the*

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father will not tie himself), yet he will have us believe that his son behaving himself dutifully, and giving him hopes that he will preserve what he may leave him, he will be natural to him. For present maintenance, all we can draw from the father is the allowance of 60l. per annum, which though it be little, yet upon his son's deserving, we think fit to be increased, and upon the son's living sparingly in the country the father will be encouraged to do it. [Copy unsigned. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

June 23. 36. Account rendered by Edward Fenn, for Sir William Russell, of ship-money paid and remaining unpaid under writs dated August 1636. Total paid, 131,127l. 0s. 7d.; unpaid, 65,472l. 19s. 5d. *Endorsed,*

36. I. *Statement of moneys remaining unpaid on writs of August 1635. Total in arrear, 9,225l. 9s. 2½d., or as Nicholas makes it out, deducting 800l. for Bristol, 200l. for Southampton, and 2,000l. for Northumberland, 6,225l.*

June 23. 37. Account of ship-money levied and remaining in the sheriffs' hands, being 13,093l., which added to 131,127l., the sum paid to Sir William Russell, makes the total collected 144,220l. [1 p.]

June 24. Petition of John de la Barre, merchant, to the King. Being indebted to divers persons, and having a royal protection, petitioner has had sundry meetings with his creditors, and upon his last meeting, the major part of his creditors being present, they required petitioner to deliver up his whole estate to them, and to rely upon their clemency what they would freely give towards the maintenance of petitioner, his wife and five children, which petitioner condescended unto. Thereupon four feoffees were nominated by the creditors, and since the major part have underwrit to an agreement; but some of the creditors refuse to underwrite the said agreement. Prays a reference to some of the Council to take such order for petitioner's relief, and the good of all the creditors, as shall stand fit in equity, and till then that the creditors forbear to molest petitioner. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 104. 1½ p.] *Underwritten,*

I. *Reference to the Lord Privy Seal, the Earl of Dorset, and Lord Cottington, to mediate a composition between petitioner and his creditors and reduce them to reason, and so determine the business as that some few of the creditors may not hinder petitioner's relief. [Copy. Ibid., fol. 106. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

June 24. 38. Petition of John Phillipps and Thomas Payne to the Lords of the Admiralty. The Lords committed petitioners to the Marshalsea for arresting Mr. Wyan, his Majesty's proctor, for which they are heartily sorry. Acknowledge the commitment to be just, and promise never to offend in the like nature again. Pray enlargement. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

38. I. *Note by Richard Wyan, that he is a suitor that the petitioners may be released. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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June 24. Lords of the Admiralty to [the Keeper of the Marshalsea]. To set the petitioners in the last preceding petition at liberty. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 36. ¼ p.*]

June 24. 39. John Crane to the Lords of the Admiralty. Desires warrant to Sir William Russell, to pay him 634*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* in full of 30,905*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* for victuals of the men now employed in the ships at sea. [1 *p.*]

June 25. 40. Order of the King in Council. Robert Smith and Leonard Stockdale were this day heard concerning abuses committed by the Company of Starchmakers of London, to the prejudice of his Majesty in point of revenue, and the detriment of the public, especially in converting into white starch, as is alleged, 100 quarters a week of wheat and wheat meal in London alone, and in combining to enhance the price of starch, and selling the same at double the price limited by their patent. Divers of the company being present, did not make any such answer thereunto as gave the Board satisfaction. It was ordered that the offer made by Smith and Stockdale, of 3,000*l.* per annum to his Majesty upon the said commodity without increasing the price, should be considered by the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington, who were to report to his Majesty; and as to the abuses of the company it was recommended to the Attorney-General to proceed by information in the Star Chamber. [1½ *p.*]

June 25. 41. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Lords of the Admiralty. By enclosed transcript of letter from Capt. Stradling you will perceive that he has run into an error, grounding upon that article which mentions the recovery of goods taken by any man-of-war upon his Majesty's coast, being the 20th in my instructions to him, concurring *verbatim* with the 23rd of yours to me. Stradling has proceeded rather from ignorance of his Majesty's treaties with his friends and allies than otherwise, which plead his pardon. Seeing the vessel is as yet in safe custody at Plymouth, you may do therein as shall seem most expedient. As for the captain, I have written to him, and have given him such caution for the future that he will no more run into any further mistake of that kind. [*Damaged by damp. 1 p.*] *Enclosed,*

41. i. *Copy of Capt. Henry Stradling's letter to the Earl of Northumberland, dated the 21st inst., and already calendared under that date. [See No. 19.] [1 p.]*

June 25. 42. Copy of the above, not quite complete. [1 *p.*]

June 25. 43. Minute of an application by the Western Hard Soapmakers that they may have a corporation for Devon, Exeter, Somerset, and Cornwall, to have the sole making of hard soap in those counties, which they will agree to be restrained from venting in other parts of England. [*Endorsed, "Sir William Becher, at his lodging in the Muse." ¾ p.*]

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June 25. Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Earl of Newport. To order that George Hanger and Roger Kilvert, of London, merchants, and Roger Toackley, of St. Katherine's, mariner, owners of the Lady, of London, of 100 tons, may furnish the same with iron ordnance out of the founder's store at East Smithfield. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 36. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]

June 26. Petition of George Fotherby, curate of Stowe St. Mary's, co. Lincoln, to the King. The parish aforesaid is very large, consisting of four towns, and the parsonage worth 200*l.* per annum, whereof 100*l.* is received by Sir Edward Hussey, he paying thereout unto [Edward] Simpson, D.D. and prebend of Carrington-cum-Stowe, 40*l.* per annum, the residue belonging to the parsonage of Stowe, and George Stow pays out thereof 20*l.* per annum to [Trimbledon] Holden, prebend of Stowe; out of which yearly revenues of 200*l.* Sir Edward Hussey, Dr. Simpson, Mr. Holden, and Mr. Stow allow amongst them to petitioner only 10*l.* per annum, save that Mr. Stow has promised to allow petitioner, in augmentation of his means, five marks *per annum* during Mr. Stow's life. Petitioner taking great pains in preaching, saying service, ministering the communion to near 500, and continually attending on the duties thereof, is noways able to subsist by the said means. Prays a reference to Archbishop Laud and the Lord Keeper, giving them power to call the other persons in the petition mentioned before them, and to take order for enlarging petitioner's means. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 120. $1\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

- I. *Reference to Archbishop Laud and Lord Keeper Coventry, to take order for petitioner's relief. Greenwich, 26th June 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 121. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

June 26. Petition of Theophilus Earl of Suffolk to the same. Your Majesty heretofore gave warrant to the justices of the Common Pleas to permit James Lord [Howard de] Walden, son and heir apparent of petitioner, to suffer a recovery of certain lands, but the same was not effectual as to the lands in a schedule annexed. Petitioner, and Lady Elizabeth his late wife, also conveyed to Sir William Whitmore certain other manors, which are since grown to be of greater value than they were at the time of the assurance. Sir William being willing that petitioner should make the most benefit of the said lands, petitioner has provided chapmen, but cannot make a perfect assurance unless James Lord [Howard de] Walden suffer a recovery, he being only 17 years of age. Prays writs of privy seal to permit Lord Walden by his guardian or *prochein ami* to suffer the said recoveries. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 140. $1\frac{3}{4}$ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *Reference to the Attorney-General to certify to his Majesty. Greenwich, 26th June 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 141. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*
- II. *Attorney-General Bankes to the King. Report in which he recommends that permission be given to suffer a recovery as to the castle of Norham and the manors of Buckton, Fenwick, and Fenham. [Copy. Ibid., p. 142. 1 p.]*

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III. *Reference to the Attorney-General to prepare a bill for his Majesty's signature. Oatlands, 23rd July 1627. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 143. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

June 26.
London.

44. Sir Thomas Roe to Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia. Two days have brought out resolutions far beyond our hopes. I will not relate in this, but with joy write that I am now assured it will not rest upon his Majesty that a war for the restitution of the Prince Elector will not force that which neither justice nor reason could obtain. I have seen the grounds, and more cannot be done on the part of a brother, nor could any prince have a more auspicious despatch, with more honour, or more kindness, or more universal love. There only rests, for upon that pole does all the business as far as it is depend, that the Swedes and States may be engaged in the treaty; for without it all will vanish, as your Majesty will see. For the States, I have no cause to doubt; for much will not be expected of them as auxiliaries but as diverters, which their own war will do, which they must make for themselves; but by entering into this league, much they shall be advantaged. First, the question of the fishing will be suspended; their coasts and trade will be guarded; the seas secured; their charge eased; supplies to their enemies and from Spain intercepted; a war in the Indies, the root of all evil, established; and, which is above all, they shall disperse all jealousy, and oblige his Majesty for their own good; so that I suppose it will not be difficult to persuade them to so many advantages. But it will not be so easy with the Swedes, who have their peace in their own power, and whatsoever we conceive of them here, your Majesty will find they will be very supercilious and stiff, and if they be not sought in a handsome way, and with much art, they will make dainty; and, to speak truth, reason is of their side in that part. Therefore your Majesty may please to apply your wisdom both towards his Majesty that we lose not by miscarriage what we have sought with a year's negotiation; and if we shall fail in somewhat, that it may be supplied from Holland by the readiness of the States, which will be to them both an encouragement and example. I have this day despatched my little credit and engaged it to the Chancellor Oxenstiern, and used all the conjurations of my rhetoric, and advised him in high language of our resolutions; but though this may blow a coal, it will not make a fire: it must be authentic and solemn matter from England. Whatsoever has been in my power to serve the Prince while he was here I have done; whatsoever I shall be able to do with my life and fortune, I will never shrink to do. [*Copy in Roe's handwriting. $1\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

June 26.
Durham House.

45. Lord Keeper Coventry to James Ingram, Warden of the Fleet. To carry Henry Burton (lately sentenced in the Star Chamber) tomorrow by two o'clock to St. Paul's church, where the High Commission will then sit, there to attend the pleasure of that court, and then to return him back again to the Fleet; wherein as you are to carry him safely and with competent strength and guard, so I wish it may be done with the least noise or notice beforehand. [*Seal with arms. Endorsed, "Recd. from Mr. Ingram, 29 Dec. 1640." $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

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June 26.

46. Petition of Paris Vandue, printer, to Archbishop Laud. About a year and a half since, petitioner presented a petition, having been an ancient workman in the King's printing house, whereto you gave reference to Robert Young, one of the partners thereof (*see Vol. cccxvi., No. 99*), howbeit, by reason of the said petition, Young has withstood petitioner from his employments, alleging that your Grace had referred the disposure thereof to Sir John Lambe. Petitioner has solicited Sir John, who not knowing of any such matter, yet sent to them divers times, whom they promised to see petitioner set on work, yet all their promises turned to delusions. Petitioner is far stricken in years, and forced through penury to make his petition a kind of complaint. Beseeches letters to Sir John Lambe with directions to see him set on work. [$\frac{5}{8}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

46. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe, in case he finds petitioner's behaviour to have been honest and sober, to take course for his relief. June 26th 1637. [$\frac{1}{6}$ p.]*

June 26.

47. The like of Edward Heyward, clerk, M.A. and vicar of Leake, in parts of Holland, co. Lincoln, to the same. The said vicarage is not worth above 40 marks per annum, and the impropriation worth above 200*l.* a year, and John Tigh, the impropriator, detains from petitioner the churchyard. Petitioner married with Joan Leech, only daughter of Robert Leech, sometime a fellow of St. John's College, Oxford; and for that she was left not many weeks old at her death and poor, and his means by the said vicarage being so small, he is unable to maintain himself, his wife, and children. Prays that the churchyard may be restored to him. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

47. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to put petitioner on the best course he can for obtaining his desire. 26th June 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

June 26.

48. The like of James Rawson, clerk, M.A. and rector of Witherstone, Dorset, to the same. Petitioner last term presented a petition for more speedy expediting several suits for tithes, which had depended three years in the Court of Arches, with John Brown, Justinian Simms, and Thomas Larcomb, which petition was referred to Sir John Lambe, and by him ordered. Defendants have neglected your Grace's desire and Sir John's directions, having protracted out all last term, the vacation, and this term, without any proofs of such matter of defence as they pretended. Petitioner being debarred of his tithes, has expended almost 200*l.* in suits, defendants having no manner of pretence for immunity from payment, but endeavouring to wear out petitioner, having combined themselves with others, and entered into covenant to defend one another by joining their moneys together against petitioner. Prays relief. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

48. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to show petitioner all the favour he can for his speedy relief. June 26th 1637. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

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June 26.

49. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 52*l.* paid by Bartholomew Cox, mayor of Wells, Somerset, part of 8,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 26.

Entry on the Admiralty Register of the appearance of Richard Jones, master-gunner of the *St. Dennis*. He was ordered to appear from time to time until discharged. [*See Vol. cccliii., fol. 36b.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

June 27.

Westminster.

50. Warrant to pay to Dame Margery Ouchterlony, widow of Sir James Ouchterlony, 100*l.* as of his Majesty's free gift. [*Strip of parchment.* 8 lines.]

June 27.

Greenwich.

51. Minute of Order of the King in Council, in a matter in difference between Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Lord Warden of the Stannaries and Lord High Steward of the Duchy of Cornwall, and the Judges of the King's Bench, in the case of John Connock. The King ordered that William Coryton, Vice-Warden of the Stannaries and Deputy Steward of the Duchy, then imprisoned by the said judges, should be set at liberty, and also all persons in durance by warrant from the Lord Warden occasioned by the said cause, but that those officers who arrested the officers of the Court of King's Bench should be examined by the Council touching any miscarriage in the execution of the Earl's warrant in that behalf; and that Connock's suit, commenced against the Vice-Warden for false imprisonment, be withdrawn; and that all fines imposed in the King's Bench upon any persons for arresting Connock be discharged, Connock entering into a bond to perform such order as should be made by his Majesty on hearing the cause. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 27.

Petition of Lancelot Branxton, Surveyor of the Bridge at Berwick-upon-Tweed, to the King. His Majesty's father having bestowed great sums of money upon building a fair stone bridge of 15 arches at Berwick, granted to petitioner, beside the yearly charge of reparation, a pension during his life of 40*l.* *per annum* for his daily attendance in continual repairing the bridge. Petitioner, being tied to a constant residence at Berwick, has not been able to attend the Exchequer for payment of his pension, being all the means he and his family have to live on, so that he has not in 16 years received one penny thereof, whereby he has been reduced to extreme misery, and been forced to contract great debts, as also for want of timely reparation the bridge is in great danger of ruin. It is a usual practice in divers places of the kingdom that all goods and carriages that pass over bridges pay toll or duty for pontage. which order, if it were established at that bridge, there might be collected yearly a sufficient sum to defray the charge of reparation, as also the pension allowed to petitioner. Prays that some of the Council may consider what composition is fit to be paid, and may give order for establishment thereof. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxiii., p. 118.* $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

1. Reference to Archbishop Laud, the Lord Keeper, the Lord Treasurer, the Lord Privy Seal, Lord Cottington, and

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Secretaries Coke and Windebank of the Council of England, and to the Lord Treasurer of Scotland, the Duke of Lennox, the Marquis of Hamilton, and the Earls Morton, Linlithgow, and Stirling, and to Sir James Galloway, of the Council of Scotland, to advise what will be fit to be paid for all carriages and passengers over the said bridge. Greenwich, 27th June 1637. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 119. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 27.

52. Petition of Sir Anthony Buggs to the King. Petitioner has at his own costs found divers lands for your Majesty in co. Denbigh, and attending Lord Cottington for a composition was referred to the Attorney-General, who demanded a double value, according to the rent then found, which petitioner was willing to give, and repaired again to Lord Cottington to obtain a warrant for passing a lease of the same lands, and left the particulars thereof in the hands of his secretary. Since which time the petitioner, having been hindered from prosecuting the said composition by reason of sickness, is informed that Sir Francis Kynaston and Edward Savage have got knowledge thereof, and have made suit to his Majesty for a lease of the said lands, and are in the way to obtain the same, and so likely to reap the benefit of petitioner's service to your Majesty and his costs expended therein. Beseeches a reference for examination, to the end that if it appears that petitioner had the precedency and was at the charge, that then your Majesty will grant him a lease, and in the meantime to stay the grant to Sir Francis Kynaston and Mr. Savage. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

52. I. *Reference to Lord Cottington to inform himself whether petitioner had the precedency, and whether he prosecuted at his own charge, and to certify his Majesty. Greenwich, 27th June 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.] Annexed,*

52. II. *Francis Lord Cottington to the King. Finds that Sir Anthony was first discoverer of the title of these lands, and that the inquisitions returned to the Exchequer were merely by his prosecution, and not by any charge or industry of Sir Francis Kynaston. 15th July 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

52. III. *Minute of his Majesty's pleasure that the grant should be made to Sir Anthony Buggs, and that Lord Cottington should give warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a bill for signature. Oatlands, 25th July 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

June 27.

Copy of the above, in which the King's reference is erroneously dated the 7th instead of 27th June inst. [See Vol. cccxxiii., fol. 150. $2\frac{1}{3}$ pp.]

June 27.

Petition of Edward Rider to the King. Petitioner had from Sir Sampson Darrell a deputation to provide corn and the same to convert into biscuits for the Navy, which petitioner performed, buying of several men above 500 quarters of good corn. So it was that John All and others bought 400 quarters of musty corn at low

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prices (part whereof was before offered to starchmakers, not being fit for the food of man), which they converted into biscuit and conveyed the same into the King's ships, whereupon petitioner made complaint to the Lords of the Admiralty, but by the false deposition of All and others petitioner was committed to the Marshalsea. Petitioner thereupon petitioned the Lords to command the officers of the Trinity House to view the said service that yet remained in their hands, which they did, certifying that they could not approve thereof. Petitioner was thereupon commanded to attend the Attorney-General, who filed a bill in the Star Chamber, which is now ready for hearing. Prays order that it may be heard before any other cause, for that the offenders live in his Majesty's house at Tower Hill, or within three miles of London, and are still employed in the King's service, to the great danger of his Majesty's subjects. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 122. 1½ p.*] Underwritten,

1. *Minute of his Majesty's pleasure that this cause shall be heard before any other in the Star Chamber between party and party. Greenwich, 27th June 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 123. ¼ p.]*

June 27.
Office of
Ordnance.

53. Officers of the Ordnance to Montjoy Earl of Newport, Master of the Ordnance. They understand that he is desired by the Commissioners for Saltpetre to take advice with the writers touching the distribution of counties to the saltpetremen, and assigning the proportions of petre to be brought in by them. Report that Alexander Hennis will take London and Westminster and bring in 6 cwt. weekly; John Gifford, Gloucester and neighbouring counties, and bring in 9 cwt. weekly; Richard Bagnall, Hampshire and neighbouring counties, and bring in 9 cwt.; Nathaniel Sikes, Essex and neighbouring counties, and bring in 7 cwt.; William Burrows, Nottingham and neighbouring counties, and bring in 6 cwt.; Edward Thornhill, Hertford and neighbouring counties, and bring in 8 cwt.; Francis Emerson, Shropshire and other counties, 3 cwt.; and also Chester and other counties, 2 cwt. Kent and other counties in North Wales are yet undisposed of. Hugh Groves and Francis Vincent will bring in, as before stated, 7 cwt. and 6 cwt. respectively, but the writers have not had speech with them. [3 pp.]

June 27. 54. Copy of the same. [3½ pp.]

June 27. Another copy. [See Vol. ccxcii., p. 64. 4 pp.]

June 27. 55. Another similar letter of the same date as the preceding, and to the same purport, except that after Edward Thornhill there follows Tobias Atkins for Salop, Devon, and other counties, to bring in 8 cwt. Francis Emerson, being transferred to York and other northern counties, to bring in 3 cwt. [3 pp.]

June 27. 56. Thomas Earl of Arundel and Surrey to Walter Lord Aston, Greenwich. Ambassador in Spain. I am sorry things go with no more appearance of our good understanding with that crown. As they have been the main impediment to all our proceedings, the King finds himself

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obliged to join with his other friends, and try if in their company he may have better fortune to obtain his so just demands for the Prince Elector, which have so much disquieted the world already, and without an honourable end of which, we hope the affairs of the House of Austria will not be settled. As their ambitions and dominions are vast, so is the enemy contracted against them, and their pieces lying so divided, and to be nourished from so remote parts, may let them see that the King is as much to be sought by them as they by him, and that experience of his power may gain that value in the world which their pride desires to eclipse, and that our nation shall hold that ancient and just attribute, the balance. I have been much afflicted with gout, stone, and bloody water. P.S.—I am now going to see the Prince Elector at the Downs. [2 pp.]

June 27. Commissioners for Saltpetre and Gunpowder to Montjoy, Earl of Whitehall. Newport. To issue $3\frac{1}{2}$ lasts of powder at 18*d.* per lb. for furnishing the magazines of co. York. [*Minute. See Vol. ccclv., No. 61, p. 3. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

June 27. 57. Petition of the inhabitants of Clungunford, Salop, to Archbishop Laud. Clungunford is a spacious parish, having many old inhabitants therein, where there has been an ancient custom that at the feast of Easter, and upon Easter day, after evening prayer, the parson of the parish always provided a church-feast, in the church, of bread and cheese and ale or beer, for refreshing those ancient people that repaired thither to evening prayer, having received the sacrament the same day in the morning, and also for the relief of divers poor people of the parish. About 50 years since it was ordered by the then Archbishop of Canterbury that this feast should be kept in the parsonage house, where it has been ever since kept till Easter last; but then Samuel Barkeley, who is rector at present, detained the same from the inhabitants, and will not let them have their ancient custom, neither in the church or parsonage house. Their suit is that you will restore this ancient custom, and settle it again in the parsonage house. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

57. I. "*I shall not go about to break this custom, so it be done in the parsonage house in a neighbourly and decent way, but I cannot approve of the continuance of it in the church; and if ever I shall hear it be so done again, I will not fail to call the offenders into the High Commission Court. June 27. 1637. W. CANT.*" [Copy. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

June 27. 58. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 2,500*l.* paid by William Cockayn on the behalf of Ralph Freeman, sheriff of co. Hertford, in part of 4,000*l.* charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June 27. 59. Certificate of the assessment of ship-money upon every parish in co. Bedford, and stating separately the sums charged on the clergy, both in respect of their spiritual and temporal estates.

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Total assessment, 2,860*l.*, of which the clergy were assessed 93*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.* on the former account, and 3*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* on the latter. [3½ *pp.*]

June 28.
Star Chamber.

60. Order of Council, that the Attorney-General should forthwith proceed by information in the Star Chamber against Viscount Saye and Sele for his offences in depopulation and conversion of houses and lands; and Serjeant Boone and the rest of the Sub-Commissioners for Depopulations are to attend the Attorney-General with instructions and to see the information prosecuted with effect. [½ *p.*]

June 28.
His Majesty's
Commission
House,
Fleet Street,
London.

61. Commissioners for Revenues of the King as Prince of Wales to Francis Bassett. All wrecks of sea within the Duchy of Cornwall belong to the Prince. We are informed that you, as Vice-Admiral of the north parts of Cornwall, have taken up divers barrels of butter, sack, wool, and other goods wrecked within the said Duchy. We require you to deliver all such goods to Thomas Gewen, havenor of the said Duchy, to the end they may be accounted for to his Majesty in right of the Duchy, or otherwise that you appear before us at the Commission House in Fleet Street, the 3rd November next, to show by what right you take up the said wrecks. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 28.
Apscourt.

62. Francis Lord Dunsmore to Nicholas. Complaint has been made to the Council that I have not paid the 100*l.* I subscribed to adventure in the fishing business. Coming accidentally where Mr. Savage was, who had a book that divers had subscribed unto, I subscribed to adventure 100*l.* with the last Earl of Pembroke, and I accordingly provided it, but hearing nothing of it ever since, and being forced to pay great sums for other men's debts, I have disbursed it. I hope the Lords will not enforce me to borrow it. [*Seal with arms.* ½ *p.*]

June 28.
Camberwell.
[Camberwell.]

63. Dennis Fleming to the same. Since my return from the Bath I have understood that the Lords have an intention to appoint some person to execute my place, alleging my imbecility. I was so careful that I took the "vacants" time that might be for my attendance to make my journey, hoping to recover my health, and left able ministers behind me that might perform such duties as concerned my particular, which was carefully done; and I thank God I have received some benefit by the Bath, and am still able to do his Majesty good service. I beseech you, if any such thing be in agitation, to plead for me, that no man may be brought over my head without my consent, being able of myself to perform my duty. [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

June 28.
The Triumph,
in the Downs.

64. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Windebank. That I might get a little time to give you thanks for your letter of the 26th, Mr. Comptroller sent it me before the Prince's coming. I presently sent for the captain that had the letters of marque against the Spaniard, and having told him how much his Majesty disliked what he had done, gave him order to desist and to repair to

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London, which he readily submitted to, and will be there in a few days. I am now going to attend the Elector's arrival at the water-side. [*Seal with crest and garter.* 1 p.]

June 28. 65. Petition of Nicholas Oakes, printer, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner has for 30 years been a master printer. Being now aged, he is willing to turn over all the title which he has therein to his son, John Oakes, whom he has brought up in the said profession, being now aged 30 years. Prays his Grace to allow the said transfer until further order, and the rather because his son is to pay Mary Kemp, his sister, 50*l.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

65. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to give an account of this when he brings the names for the decree. June 28th 1637.* [1 p.]

June 28. 66. Order of Archbishop Laud, that Sir John Lambe should take
Lambeth House. unto him some other High Commissioners and send for Michael Sparkes, and call in the warrant which he has from the High Commission for seizing of copies of a book of geography called Atlas Major or Minor, and further to grant an attachment to call him into the High Commission Court. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

June 28. 67. Estimate for building a great storehouse for cordage near the
Chatham. Rope-house at Chatham; as also a brick wall to enclose the sail-yard, with other works. Total, 2,074*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* [*Copy. The cost is stated of every particular item.* 3 pp.]

June 28. 68. Isaac Pennington to his cousin Sir John Pennington. Letter
London. begun this day, but not concluded until the 5th July. Gives an account of various payments made for Sir John Pennington. There had been an impediment about a jointure which Dr. Berisford was to make, but all was settled, and the writer's cousin Fitch had promised to send him in the writings. In order to complete the matter the writer had been obliged to take 600*l.* out of a sum of 3,000*l.* left in his hands by Sir John. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.] *Enclosed,*

68. I. *Account of payments (including the above-mentioned 600*l.*) made to the writer's cousin, Thomas Pennington. Total, 1,200*l.** [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

June 29. 69. Warrant to pay to John Crane, surveyor of marine victuals,
Westminster. 2,060*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.*, and to Sir William Russell 3,749*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*, being together the amount of an estimate for victualling the Swallow and the Ninth Whelp, appointed for guard of the coast of Ireland. [*Strip of parchment.* 17 lines.]

June 29. 70. Order of the Court of Star Chamber, on the motion of Attorney-
Star Chamber. General Bankes, that Henry Burton, John Bastwick, and William Prynne, who, by decree of the 14th inst., are to suffer perpetual imprisonment, viz., Bastwick in the castle of Launceston, Cornwall, Prynne in the gaol of the castle of Carnarvon, and Burton in the castle of Lancaster, shall not be admitted to have any use of pen, ink,

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or paper, nor of any other books but the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer, and such other books of devotion as the keepers of the said castles will be answerable for, that they are consonant to the doctrine of the Church of England. [1 p.]

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Welbeck.

71. William Earl of Newcastle, Lord Lieutenant of co. Nottingham, to the Council. I enclose a letter lately received from my deputy lieutenants. You may perceive that the musters cannot this year be taken without great danger to the whole country. I think it fit to present the same, being ready to forbear or proceed, as you shall command. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.] *Enclosed,*

71. 1. *Deputy Lieutenants of co. Nottingham (among them Sir Thomas Hutchinson) to William Earl of Newcastle. Conceive it very dangerous to have either mustering or training this year, by reason the plague is known to be in many places in that shire and in the next confines of the shires adjacent. Mansfield, 27th June 1637. [Seal with arms. 1 p.]*

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72. Petition of inhabitants of Sheriff Hales, co. Stafford, to the same. In Hilary term last, they petitioned for relief concerning the assessment of ship-money in co. Salop, whereupon the Lords directed letters of 12th February to Sir Paul Harris, the sheriff, that if the places mentioned had in other assessments been usually taxed with the hundred of Cuttleston, co. Stafford, he should forbear to assess them in the hundred of Bradford, co. Salop. Petitioners have three times waited upon the sheriff, who refuses to examine their witnesses. Not being able to contest with the sheriff, he being sore bent against them, and threatening to commit them to prison whensoever he shall apprehend them in co. Salop, they pray the Lords for their relief, being assessed both in Stafford and Salop. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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73. Sir Henry Marten to the Lords of the Admiralty. I received a reference on the petition of Rice Thomas, late gunner of the Tenth Whelp, concerning which there was sent me an information exhibited to the Council against Robert Walsingham, William Bishop, and the said Rice Thomas, gunners of three of his Majesty's ships, for powder extraordinary expended; and that which concerned Rice Thomas was in these words:—"Rice Thomas can give no account for nine barrels which he should have delivered in charge to John Brooking, the succeeding gunner;" and under the said information was written that the Lords sent the same to me to cause a proceeding to be had against the said delinquents; dated Whitehall, 28th February 1635-6. Whereupon I called a session, and requested the Officers of the Ordnance to send me some evidence, but they neither came nor sent any evidence, so that I could not proceed as directed; and this petitioner, not being able to give security for his forthcoming, has remained ever since in prison, and is now grown to that misery, that he is ready to be eaten up by lice; wherefore I conceive the Lords may hold him sufficiently punished, and give order for his enlargement. [*Endorsed by Nicholas, "Whereupon it was ordered that he shall be released."* *Seal with arms.* 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ pp.]

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Chatham.

74. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. I send letter from the purveyor of timber for the Navy, in Hants, complaining of Robert Rigge, of Fareham, for disturbing the King's service. We have written to Rigge, but he slights it. If the Lords should send Smyth, the messenger, for him, that business would be quieted. He troubles the widow West, being a poor woman, for letting a yard to lay the King's timber in. I myself agreed with the woman. He depends on favour at Court by means of a son-in-law of his, that is, the King's servant; I think, a huntsman. This Rigge has undertaken the land carriage of the Earl of Southampton's timber from the woods to the waterside, and causes the carters to lay it down far from the place of landing, not respecting the purveyor's order. I meant to be at Portsmouth ere this to set the summer business in order, but Sir William Russell is in that respect penny-wise to save my travelling charges. The Palsgrave was to see the Navy at Chatham, but only on board the Prince. He was ashore to see the magazine, which is so full that it gave great content to the Earl of Arundel, Mr. Comptroller, the Earl of Warwick, and the rest "of our English." [1 p.]
Enclosed,

74. I. *James Robins to Kenrick Edisbury. I received warrant for loading the Black George with timber, to be carried to Chatham. I thought to have come to you had not this warrant come, for Robert Rigge, of Fareham, has served the widow West and myself with a privy seal, about the yard at Busselden [Bursledon], which is hired for his Majesty's service. What he has against us I know not, but am daily too great a witness of his disturbing me in the King's service, laying timber where he pleases, where it will be great charge to his Majesty to draw to the waterside, and despising all the orders I give. I desire to go quietly about his Majesty's service, which will not be unless the Lords take order with Rigge. He has not stuck to abuse the Lords with unseemly speeches. We heard of your coming down, which I desire to set things in order. Every one does what seems good to himself, and there is a charge of labourers which might be forborne. Sherbrooke says he has order to keep them in spite of me, but I know it is a needless charge; therefore, if the master shipwright come not down, I pray you to send down warrant for ordering things. Our wharves are fallen to decay. I entreat your favour to the bearer William Rawlins, a house carpenter, to be employed in that service. Gosport, 26th June 1637.* [1 p.]

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75. Dr. Richard Baylie, the Vice-Chancellor, and others of Oxford University, as delegates for the building of the library, to Archbishop Laud, in reply to complaints against them, addressed to the archbishop by William Mason. They are ready to perform their covenant, which binds them, when Mason shall have finished his work to the satisfaction of Thomas Baldwin, or some other skilful man, to

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pay him certain extra sixpences. They do not decline Mr. Baldwin's judgment, but if Mason cannot procure him to undertake this judicature, the writers will make choice of some other skilful man, who shall judge whether Mason has deserved these sixpences. [1 p.]

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76. News-letter of C. Rossingham. The subjects treated of are,—
 1. The difference between the Court of King's Bench and the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, as Lord Warden of the Stannaries, already dealt with in the calendar under date of June 27, No. 51.
 2. The seizure of Mr. St. John's papers, which is stated to have been with the view of discovering evidence that he drew Mr. Burton's answer in the Star Chamber, but without success. The papers relating to Lord Saye's action for trial of the legality of ship-money are said to have been showed by him to Sir William Becher and then sealed up, and were returned to him with the seals unbroken.
 3. The nature of Lord Saye's legal proceedings is fully explained. The constable who distrained upon him for ship-money pleaded the King's writ in justification. Lord Saye demurred that the writ was not a sufficient warrant.
 4. The publication of Archbishop Laud's speech on the condemnation of Bastwick, Burton, and Prynne, which "is bought up so fast as they are not to be gotten."
 5. Lord Mountnorris at Court, and kissed the King's hand. He would put into the Star Chamber his answer to the Lord Deputy's bill against him, Sir Pierce Crosby, and others.
 6. Prosecution of the malting business, and answer given by the King to the Norfolk men.
 7. Further hearing of the Bishop of Lincoln's cause in the Star Chamber. "There is no question the bishop has been too busy in tampering with witnesses. . . . The King's counsel produced a paper of instructions which the bishop was charged to have given to the defendants to learn by it how to answer to the interrogatories. It was called the Bishop's Catechism."
 8. Degradation of Mr. Burton. The three delinquents should have stood in the pillory this Thursday, but it has been put off till the day after.
 9. I hear my Lord Marshal and my Lord of Holland requested the King that, since there was so little hope to recover the palatinate by treaties, liberty might be given to send out ships to annoy the Spaniards in the West Indies. It is said the King so well approved of this motion, as he promised to adventure 16 of his own ships in any design that should tend that way.
 10. Ratification of the previous "common report of the town" in the case between the King's Bench and the Lord Chamberlain, and statement of the result as before calendared.
 11. News from the Low Countries and Germany. Movements of the armies of the Prince of Orange, the French, and the Spaniards. [*Endorsed, "C. Rossingham."* 4 pp.]

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77. Note of the weekly proportions set on the saltpetremen for seven years. They are the same as those mentioned in the second letter of the Officers of Ordnance, dated the 27th instant, No. 55. Flint and the neighbouring counties, to bring in 2 cwt. weekly, were still left unappointed. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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- June 29. 78. Note of various small sums of ship-money paid to Sir Thomas Fanshaw, the King's remembrancer of the Exchequer, from cos. Bedford, Buckingham, Dorset, Essex, Gloucester, Hertford, Huntingdon, Hants, and Warwick, and which are ready to be paid to Sir William Russell. Total, 141*l.* 14*s.* 5*d.* [1 *p.*]
- June 29. 79. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 6,650*l.* paid by John Sampson on behalf of Sir George Sandys, sheriff of Kent, in part of 8,000*l.* charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]
- June 29. 80. Similar receipt for 3,000*l.* paid by George Price on behalf of Sir Anthony Vincent, sheriff of Surrey, in part of 3,500*l.* charged upon that county by writ of 12th August. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]
- June 30. 81. The Council to the Messengers of the Chamber. His Majesty, Whitehall. by letters patent of the 12th May 1636, having given power to the company of brick and tile makers of Westminster for well ordering their trade within London and Westminster, we are informed that divers persons of that trade have combined to oppose the said government. We authorize you to repair to such places and persons as you shall be directed by the master of the company, and forthwith to apprehend all such offenders, and keep them in custody until they shall conform to the government of the company, or give security to appear before us. [1 *p.*]
- June 30. 82. Sir Henry Marten to [the Lords of the Admiralty]. According to their letters of 13th May last, for examining some differences between the company of shipwrights and divers refractory persons of that company, and some others of the same profession within the limit of the charter granted to the company, upon hearing the charge of the company and the several answers, I set down such order as I conceived fitting for restraint of disobedience, which they have assented unto and performed. But upon hearing Thomas Mayden and William Hooke, shipwrights, living near Redrith, who appeared before me, with the recorder of London, their counsel, their defence was that they were members of an ancient brotherhood in London, and therefore not subject to this society. I gave order that they should on either side draw their case in writing, which is done accordingly; and herewith I send it, because I perceive that these London shipwrights, being supported by the countenance of the city, will by no means agree (whatsoever I shall say or do) to come under the King's charter and government; and to that purpose are resolved to oppose themselves by further proceedings at law. [1 *p.*]
- June 30. 83. Petition of John Bradley, constable of North Muskham, co. Nottingham, to the Council. Petitioner being charged to levy of Dorothy Caldwell 50 shillings ship-money, after many denials, required Randall Squire, an inhabitant of that parish, to aid petitioner in taking a distress. Squire was at first willing to do so, but being dissuaded by John Coude, an attorney-at-law, refused. Whereupon petitioner alone took a distress, which by Coude was violently

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rescued; and the rest of the inhabitants, by Coude dissuaded, have refused to pay; for which misdemeanour petitioner heretofore petitioned the Board, and had a letter to the sheriff for his relief, whereof Coude having notice, in open market at Newark, endeavoured to assault petitioner; but being prevented, broke out into these words:—"Sirrah! you have preferred a petition against me to the Council table, but I will make you glad to wait my leisure there," as by the annexed affidavit appears. Prays that Coude may come before them to answer the premises. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

83. I. *Affidavit of John Bradley, the petitioner, stating the facts more minutely than in his petition. Sworn 30th June 1637. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

June 30.
Star Chamber.

84. Notes by Sec. Windebank of the proceedings in the Star Chamber in the case of Bishop Williams, of Lincoln, this being the fourth day of the hearing. The notes contain evidence applicable to charges not before dealt with, and especially an abstract of the evidence of Sir William Becher respecting the secret evidence against the Bishop, taken at the Council table and placed under seal in the Council chest, having been by some means or other communicated to the bishop. When found the seal of the packet had been broken open. [$6\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]

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85. Case, with the separate opinions thereon of Sir Edward Littleton, Solicitor-General, and Edward Trotman. The case was that A. being seized in fee of lands which ought to pay tithes to the impropiator, the impropiator released to A. and his heirs all suits which he or his heirs might have for recovery of the said tithes. The question was what was the legal effect of the release upon the tithes. The opinions were that it extinguished them. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

85. I. *Copy of the release above mentioned. It was dated 8th December 1630, from Sir Henry Long, of Draycot, Wilts, to John Reade, of Kington St. Michael, and applied to tithes arising out of the suppressed site or mansion house of the nunnery of Kington aforesaid, and all lands belonging thereto, then the inheritance of John Reade. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

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86. Another copy of the release above mentioned, with the separate opinions of [Edward] Henden and Walter Norborne thereon. They were of opinion that such a release could not extinguish the tithes, nor discharge the lands of the payment thereof. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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87. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 800*l.* paid by Sir Edward Bishop, Sheriff of Sussex, part of 5,000*l.* ship-money assessed upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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88. Minute of application to the Lords of the Admiralty of Edward Sherburne on behalf of the Officers of Ordnance for a

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convoy for the Swallow, of Weymouth, burthen 24 tons, Clement White master, taken up to carry munition to Scilly and Pendennis. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

June 30.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. We pray you to appoint some ships to convoy the Swallow above mentioned. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 37. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

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Release by Anthony Cobb, of St. James, Clerkenwell, Middlesex, one of the younger sons of Alexander Cobb, deceased, son and heir of Michael Cobb, late of Mortlake, Surrey, deceased. In consideration of 52*l.* paid by William Dickins, of London, to whom the inheritance of the after-mentioned lands now belongs, Anthony Cobb releases to Dickins his annuity of 8*l.*, to be paid during his life, and charged upon lands in Reculver, Chislett, and Sandwich, by an indenture dated 27th August 1609, made between Michael Cobb, deceased, and Mary his wife of the one part, and Ralph Brook, York herald, of the other part. [*See Case D. Car. I., No. 14.*]

June 30.
Whitehall.

The Commissioners for Saltpetre and Gunpowder to Montjoy Earl of Newport. Letter similar to that dated on 31st May last and calendared on that day (see p. 170), for delivery of one barrel of gunpowder to William Weight, merchant, for the same purpose that is stated in the letter of the 31st May. [*Copy. See Vol. ccclv., No. 61, p. 2. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

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Grant to Secretaries Coke and Windebank of the office of postmaster within his Majesty's dominions for their lives, if they so long continue secretaries, with the like fee of 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, to be paid quarterly out of the Exchequer, as was formerly granted to Lord Stanhope, who has surrendered that grant. His Majesty thereby annexes the office of postmaster to the principal secretaries for the time being, and declares that the surviving secretary is to surrender this grant to his Majesty, who thereupon will grant the said office to the secretaries who for the time shall be, to hold the same while they continue secretaries. [*Docquet.*]

[June ?]

Petition of Sir Richard Wolseley to the King. The late King, on the recommendation of the late Duke of Buckingham, on the 7th April 1608, instituted an office in the Court of Chancery for engrossing letters patent, and made Sir Richard Young and Sir Robert Pye clerks thereof, with power to take such fees as had formerly been taken for such engrossing, which office they held for seven years and took their fees accordingly. In the first year of the present reign, upon their surrender, petitioner and Owen Wynne were admitted to the same office, and obtained his Majesty's grant, and the interest of the same office is now in petitioner and Richard Weston. Petitioner has taken only such fees as were taken by his predecessors, but has been questioned by the Commissioners for exacted fees as to their legality. Prays reference to settle the fees

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and obtain the King's confirmation thereof. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 103. 1¼ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- i. *Reference to the Lord Keeper, the Lord Privy Seal, and Lord Cottington as prayed. [Ibid., p. 104. ⅙ p.]*

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89. Petition of Charles Cockayne, late Sheriff of co. Northampton, to the Council. The now sheriff by your directions has given authority to petitioner and his predecessor, Sir John Dryden, for collecting the arrears of ship-money. Sir John Dryden supposes himself to be freed from that service, without whose aid petitioner is unable to effect the service, most of the arrears being in the west division, where he lives, and remote from petitioner. The sheriff's authority also is only to petitioner and his predecessor, and not to their bailiffs and deputies, wherefore petitioner cannot procure assistance, and is disabled to make a certificate of those that forbear to pay. Prays further directions. [1 p.]

[June.]

90. Petition of his Majesty's patentees the Corporation of Salt-makers of South and North Shields to the same. A petition was of late exhibited to the Board by the corporation of Great Yarmouth, informing that the patentees brought in very little salt to that town, and that at great prices, and that the sickness is so at Newcastle and the Shields that few or none dare adventure to fetch salt there, and thereupon they desired an order for importation of foreign salt. The patentees present that they are not tied to carry salt to any port, but to deliver it at their works at prices limited in their charter; yet seeing that those of Yarmouth wilfully neglected the fetching of salt, the patentees sent salt there, but were so ill entreated by the town, and sustained so much damage there, that they pray their grievances may be heard and reparation ordered. As to fear of the sickness, Yarmouth has been supplied with coals from the Shields and from the very town of Newcastle where the sickness has most been, and therefore no cause to fear fetching salt more than coals; nor have the shipping of other ports forborne to fetch salt. Petitioners therefore hope the Lords will conceive the desire to import foreign salt unfit to be granted. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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91. Petition of Dorothy Frobisher, wife of William Frobisher, cooper, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner's husband was pressed into his Majesty's service, as has been declared many times, and his adversary, Thomas Ryley, is so cruel that he will use all extremity to keep him in prison. Prays his discharge. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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92. Petition of Thomas Ryley to the same. Petitioner is sent for by warrant for arresting Frobisher, who is now in his Majesty's service. Arrested him about Michaelmas, before he was impressed, and he was released upon bail. His bail has cast him into prison, wherefore petitioner prays that he may be discharged without payment of fees. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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93. Petition of Nicholas Goldsborough, messenger of the Chamber, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner being employed to bring in John Moore and Richard Wyatt, both of Tenby, 200 miles from London, at his coming thither understood that Wyatt, having received notice of the warrant, was gone to Bristol, and thence to London, and that Moore refused to speak to petitioner, being in danger of an attachment about a ship. Ultimately by intervention of the mayor he saw Moore, but he not being in perfect health refused to give bond to go to London on his recovery, for that Wyatt, his son-in-law, was already gone thither to end the business. Prays that Wyatt, who is now in custody, may pay fees for his father-in-law and himself. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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94. Petition of Richard Wyatt to the same. A suit was commenced against petitioner in the Court of Admiralty, for 1,000*l.*, in the name of John le Drue, by the means of Hugh Rochfort, an Irishman, an utter enemy of petitioner. Petitioner came to London, appeared in the Court of Admiralty, and gave sureties to answer the complaint. In the meantime Rochfort petitioned the Lords and procured a messenger to be sent for petitioner, who knew nothing thereof until ten days after his coming to London. He then willingly made his appearance before the Lords, who referred the matter to the Judge of the Admiralty and dismissed petitioner. Before Sir Henry Marten, le Drue has denied that the suit and petition were with his privity, wherefore petitioner prays to be freed from the messenger as concerning his fee. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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Commissioners for Saltpetre and Gunpowder to each of the Lord Lieutenants of the several counties of England. His Majesty calling to mind how necessary it is (especially in these stirring times) that there should be a fit proportion of gunpowder in store in every county, had commanded that order should be given accordingly. We therefore require you to take order that the magazine of that county be replenished with a competent proportion of gunpowder. You are to cause the trained bands to exercise their arms in parts where the infection of the plague is not, and by the 1st of November to send to this Board an account what powder and shot shall be then remaining in the store of that county. [*Minute. See Vol. ccclv., No. 61.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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95. Petition of Henry Sampson, servant to Lord Scudamore, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner being high constable of the hundred of Webtree, co. Hereford, received warrant to levy 3*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for the muster-master and supply of magazine in that county, but could not collect the money by reason of the ship-money being in hand at that time. Petitioner paid the money to the muster-master, although he is not yet paid some part of it, which notwithstanding petitioner is brought to London by a messenger, and has attended 12 days, and has paid 4*l.* to the messenger for his fees already. Prays the archbishop's favour in the furtherance of his release. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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96. Petition of Nicholas Darton, clerk, vicar of Kilsby, co. Northampton, to the same. Petitioner, for reproving (at his first coming to his living) the having and reading among his parishioners

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of certain scurrilous pamphlets suppressed by authority, and where-withal they essayed to avert the mind of petitioner from the discipline of our Church of England, jeering and sporting themselves whenever anything was read which inveighed against the jurisdiction episcopal, and also for his unalterable constancy in maintaining the discipline of our Church with her tithes, rights, and honorary [offerings?] which they keep from him, has had almost ever since his coming amongst them most malicious combinations, producing unheard-of scandals, to petitioner's utter ruin were that true which they have suggested. After a long time of seasonable patience petitioner has now found out these malicious complotments of his pernicious adversaries by some of their own mouths, as may appear to your Grace. And further petitioner, for teaching his people the doctrine of Christian subjection to his Majesty both in respect of purse and person, has had again and again from the factions most infamous slanders passed upon him, tending to open sedition if not more, yea, and almost ready to be knocked on the head too, they not caring what they spend, or do, or say, or swear, so that they may undo petitioner. Prays the archbishop's favour for suppressing these outrages against petitioner, suffering for the Church's doctrine and discipline. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

96. I. *Notes upon the preceding petition, setting forth the particular books, speeches, and actions complained of. The pamphlets alluded to at the commencement of the petition were "Martin Marprelate, and Browne's book, the Anabaptist." The principal slander against petitioner was that he had been so overtaken with drink as to lie swinishly "in the very channel" of the street, vomiting. After petitioner exhorted them to pay ship-money, one of the parishioners reported of petitioner that he was drunk two days together; another that he preached lies; another called him to his face a rebel and a jackanapes. One told him "proudly that he owed the King nothing." Another added "Nothing but suit and service." Petitioner replied that payment of ship-money was suit and service; to which the first objector answered before the parish that it was not. Objections were made to petitioner's exhortations, and petitioner was replied upon "in open church," and one Henry Jenkins, whom, with his wife, petitioner was exhorting in their own residence to obedience, came furiously upon petitioner with a great beetle and pushed him out of doors, and made his boast of it. [1 p.]*

96. II. *Detailed statement of the evidence by which petitioner brought home the acts complained of to Moses Cowley, Lawrence Hall, Richard Greenleaf, George Harris, Samuel Austin, Benjamin Hall, and others. [5 pp.]*

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97. Petition of Robert Osbolston to Archbishop Laud. In September 1635, petitioner, at the request of Samuel Balmsford, clerk, who is preacher to the English church at the Hague, entered into bond to the King with Balmsford for his appearance at Lambeth

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before Commissioners on the 15th October then next. On the 8th October, the Commissioners dismissed Balmsford, and licensed him to depart to his charge. In February 1636-7, notice was left at petitioner's house that if Balmsford did not make his appearance within 14 days, the bond would be forfeited and certified into the Exchequer. Petitioner has often applied to have his bond delivered up, and on the 15th June all the Doctors of the Law, Commissioners, gave their opinion that he ought to have his bond, and desired Sir John Lambe to certify your Grace so much. Petitioner prays direction to the registrar to deliver up the bond. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

June. 98. Sec. Windebank to —, sergeant at arms. To bring Sir
Whitehall. John Lee before the Council, to answer to such things as shall be objected against him. [1 p.]

June. 99. [The same?] to the Keeper of Newgate. To set at liberty William Richardson, Robert Clay, and Henry Fleming, formerly committed to his custody. [*Copy probably prepared for signature, but never signed.* 1 p.]

[June ?] 100. Certificate of Thomas Jeninges, William Cockayn, A. Chamberlain, junr., and John Rendwick. We lately signed a petition to his Majesty to continue Mr. Witherings in the place of postmaster, in regard he informed us that some great persons near his Majesty endeavoured to get the place from him. We did not understand that the Secretaries of State were intended, for we ever believed the Secretaries to be the superiors of that office. We also believe that the office being put in possession of the Secretaries, may be as well or better managed than it now is, to secure which was the object of the petition we signed. [1 p.]

June. 101. Answer of Thomas Thornhill, saltpetreman, to the Dean of Windsor, concerning the digging for saltpetre of his pigeon-house at Knoyle, Wilts. States that at Christmas 1635, the saltpetremen coming to work in the dean's pigeon-house, warned him that brought them into the house of a great crack or flaw in one fourth part of the wall of the said house, and said to him that if it fell down in the winter by any great winds or weather of rain, they would put all upon the saltpetremen's digging. And so five months after, on the great windy night that blew down so many houses, barns, and trees in all parts of the kingdom, the one fourth part that had the flaw blew down. The dean charges Thornhill that he served Hilliard; he never did so, and scarce knew the man. Prays that he may not suffer by the dean's unjust molestation. [$1\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

[June ?] 102. Passages by Sir Robert Banaster, Sheriff of co. Northampton, concerning the proceedings for raising the ship-money in that county. This is a narrative, chronologically arranged, of all circumstances connected with the assessment of the hundreds of Rothwell and Guilsborough, which have been already calendared in previous papers, save that it here appears that the referees were unable to agree in opinion as to what should be done, and thereupon made certificates to the bishop. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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* 103. List of fines imposed in the Court of Star Chamber from Michaelmas term 1631, to Trinity term 1637. The fines upon the Lincolnshire rioters, and the rioters in the forest of Feckenham, also those upon Sir David Foulis and Henry Foulis, James Maxwell, and Alice his wife, Sir James Bagg at the suit of Sir Anthony Pell, and the merchants who transported gold, were all respited. Lord Morley, for assaulting Sir George Theobald, was pardoned. The fines of John Elmeston (1,000*l.*), for counterfeiting the Earl of Dorset's hand; the Sheriff of Dorset (5*l.*), for not bringing in the body of John Cage; Lord Mohun (500*l.*) and Thomas Adams (200*l.*), at the suit of Sir James Bagg, for undue inquiries into his Majesty's debts; and Bastwick, Burton, and Prynne (5,000*l.* each), for publishing libels, are all indicated as standing against the defendants unliquidated. [2 *pp.*]

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104. Names of such as have not paid their assessment money to the Company of Silkmen, according to an order of the Lords of the 7th inst., and concerning whom the company crave further direction; there are 51 names (of which two have been subsequently struck out) in one list, and 26 in another. [1½ *p.*]

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105. Account of what money has been paid to the Officers of the Ordnance, on their estimates for the present year. The estimates for the 20 ships, the ships for Sallee, and to Mr. Browne for casting ordnance, amounted to 25,099*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*; there had been paid on account 16,899*l.* 16*s.*, leaving a balance due of 8,199*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*, with 2,830*l.* in arrear for last year's powder. [1 *p.*]

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106. Statement by John Sym, clerk, in explanation and vindication of himself in keeping a special religious service on Wednesday in Rogation Week. It was the day of the ordinary lecture, and on that occasion, beside the appointed service, he preached two sermons, in the forenoon and the afternoon, with prayer before and after the sermons for the cessation of the pestilence and for seasonable rain. The special cause of devotion was so arranged that all present might, if they would, have broken their fasts. He vindicates himself by the order of the Church appointing the observation of those days of Rogation, and by various extracts from the canon law. With reference to the last, he states that seeing the canon law is held to be in force in this Church, when the same is not crossed by any of our laws, he therefore supposed he might lawfully do as he had done, seeing that he knew no law to the contrary. [2 *pp.*]

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107. Minute of her Majesty's pleasure that certain of her servants, whose names are here stated, should pay no more than the English do, concerning the money which is to be levied upon tradesmen for their freedom, &c. Among them were Thomas de Vaux, operator [handicraftsman?]; Henry Bardon, surgeon; John Anceau, bookbinder; and John Petitot, goldsmith. [½ *p.*]

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108. Memorial for the Earl of Manchester, Lord Privy Seal, and Sec. Windebank. Recites previous proceedings at the instance of the Queen, founded upon complaints of abuses and extortions of pursuivants who had dormant warrants to search for priests, and

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especially a commission to Sir Henry Spiller, Sir Gregory Fenner, Lawrence Whitaker, and other justices of peace in Middlesex, to examine into such abuses, and a certificate of the commissioners, already calendared in Vol. cccxvii., No. 36, under date of 26th March 1636. The Queen having notice that the Council had committed the further examination of this business to the Earl of Manchester and Sec. Windebank, had commanded some to attend them, and present some part of the many informations upon this subject. And because the warrants procured by these pursuivants have proceeded as well from the Council, as from the High Commission, those complaints only are now presented which have been made against pursuivants holding warrants from the persons now memorialized and the rest of the Council, viz., against Francis Newton, Dale, John Gray, Griffin, Thomas Mayo, Alsop Cross, and William Birkenhead. There follows a statement principally derived from the report of the Commissioners before mentioned, but containing at any event one circumstance of more recent date, with several confirmatory papers annexed, some of which may probably have been originally attached to the certificate of the Justices of Peace. [5½ pp.] *Annexed,*

108. I. *Order of the Court of Common Pleas. Francis Newton, one of the pursuivants above complained of, having passed off certain persons named — Parratt, — Mullard alias James, John Smith, and Robert Mullard, who were "common bailers," as good and sufficient bail for Abraham Tooke, who was confined in the Fleet, in execution for 47l. 14s. 4d., the court sentenced all the defendants to imprisonment in the Fleet, removed Newton's name from the Roll of Attorneys, and directed that he be put over the bar of the court, condemned the two Mullards and John Smith to the pillory, and all the defendants, except Newton, to imprisonment until they paid the plaintiff's damages in certain shares. 25th April 1630. [1½ p.]*

108. II. *Copy of the preceding. [1½ p.]*

108. III. *Statement of Thomas Jeninges, that Newton, Dale, and others procured an affidavit to be made that Jeninges was a priest. He gave a woman 5s. for making the affidavit, and said that if he could hit Jeninges right, he would not take 2,000l. for his share.*

108. IV. *Copy order of the Council on a complaint of Mary Timperley against Walter Powell and Richard Wainwright, two others of the said messengers. The Lords finding that they had highly abused the authority of the Board, committed them to the Marshalsea, took from them their warrants, and declared them incapable of serving his Majesty or the Lords. Whitehall, 10th June 1631. [1½ p.]*

June. 109. *Copy of the preceding memorial, but without any of the annexed papers. [4½ pp.]*

June. 110. *Petition of Francis Smith to Sec. Windebank. Recites that there was a petition presented by the Queen to his Majesty in the*

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name of the afflicted recusants, with the subsequent inquiry and certificate of the justices of Middlesex. Petitioner being employed to discover to the said justices the disorders of the messengers, Newton and Gray indicted petitioner in London, but the bill was thrown out, for that they had procured one Mayo, a pursuivant, who was condemned to lose his ears for perjury, to swear against petitioner. They thereupon indicted petitioner in the King's Bench, where Mayo was not known, and sued petitioner thereupon to outlawry, because he refused to give them 5*l*. Upon that outlawry they have procured a warrant from Sec. Coke to apprehend petitioner, in order to hinder him at this time in the discovery of their abuses. Beseeches Windebank to move Sec. Coke not to question petitioner for his profession of the Catholic religion, he having already given security of 200*l*. to appear before the Council on notice left at Dr. Turner's house in St. Lawrence Lane. Petitioner is almost 80 years of age, and visited with many infirmities. [1 *p*.]

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111. Notes by Sir John Lambe of statements made to him by Dr. Spicer of words uttered by Bishop Williams, of Lincoln, of his determination to grind Sir John Lambe to powder, and his refusal to give Dr. Spicer a lease because he would not swear against Lambe; also of similar speeches against Dr. Sibthorpe and others, and of communications between Dr. Spicer and Kilvert, whom he met at a play. Kilvert professed to be able to reveal "such speeches" spoken at Bugden. Dr. Grant, he said, was a most perfidious man, and had spoken "such things" against the King—no treason, but taxing words. Of "my lord" he said that there was never a true word came out of his mouth. [*These notes relate to speeches uttered in 1632 and 1633.* 1½ *p*.]

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112. Statement of Bishop Williams, of Lincoln, impeaching the credit of Kilvert, who had been informed against for perjury, and was living in adultery "under my Lord's Grace's nose;" also asserting, in answer to the accusation that he and his servant Walker combined 8 years ago with Locke (dead long ago) to get papers out of a chest in the Council chamber, that he never spake with Locke after Lord Bristol's return from Spain, and that Walker did not serve him until many years after; with remarks on some of the lesser charges against the bishop. [1½ *p*.]

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113. Another similar paper, in which the same bishop contends that the dismissal of former bills against him was a full pardon of all things contained in them, and that having denied the charges against himself upon oath, and no disservice in word or deed ever proved, if there be no confidence placed in his protestations, it is such a bottomless gulf of misfortune as he knows not how to fathom, but must leave to the Searcher of all Hearts to remedy in his good time. Being assured for all that in his own conscience, that, excepting his unwillingness to be thrust out of his master's service, and his sins to Godward, he is as free from any offence or unworthiness against his King, or any person of place in church or commonwealth, as any bishop that has lived in England these 100 years. [*This*

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and the preceding paper (if not of an earlier date) were probably prepared for the consideration of his friends or the judges of the Court of Star Chamber during the hearing of his cause. 1 p.]

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114. Petition of Sir Francis Popham to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner is undoubted patron of the rectory of Buckland St. Mary, Somerset, and his predecessors presented to the said church until March 1636, when the same being void, the Bishop of Bath and Wells collated William Pierce his son, and precluded the right of petitioner and his clerk, which tends to the prejudice of petitioner and all temporal patrons, the bishop having no other title but that his predecessor once collated by lapse *jure devoluto*. Prays the archbishop to signify to the bishop that he may yield petitioner his right by admitting his clerk, and if he pretend right to the patronage, that it may be referred to any of the judges to decide or report to the archbishop, and if the bishop shall not embrace this fair proposal, that petitioner may proceed to the trial of his title, he being tender to contest with a reverend prelate. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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115. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

PAPERS RELATING TO APPOINTMENTS IN THE NAVY,

TO OFFICES UNDER THE RANK OF CAPTAIN,

AND DATED BETWEEN 1ST JANUARY 1636-7 AND 30TH JUNE 1637.

Date.	Office.	Nature of Document.	Reference to Document.
1636-7. [Jan. 11.]	Master-gunner in one of the pinnaces now building for Sallee.	Petition of John Adams to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has been employed 20 years as master-gunner in merchant ships. Prays appointment. <i>Annexed,</i> I. <i>Certificate of Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity House in favour of the petitioner. 1st September 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]</i> II. <i>Officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Admiralty. Similar certificate. Office of Ordnance, 10th January 1636-7. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]</i> III. <i>The same to Nicholas. Enclose the above certificate with a further recommendation. Office of Ordnance, 11th January 1636-7. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]</i>	Vol. cccxliii., No. 69. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.

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Date.	Office.	Nature of Document.	Reference to Document.
1636-7. [Jan. 11.]	Boatswain in one of the pinnaces building for Sallee.	Petition of John Moorecock to the Lords of the Admiralty. Sets forth past services and prays appointment. <i>Annexed</i> , 1. <i>Officers of Navy to the same. Certify past services of petitioner and recommend his appointment. 11th January 1636-7. [1 p.]</i>	Vol. ccxliii., No. 70. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
[Jan. 13.]	The like.	Petition of William Dawes, boatswain of the King's yard at Deptford, to the same. Similar in character to the last petition. <i>Annexed</i> , 1. <i>Certificate of the Masters and others of the Trinity House that petitioner is every way sufficient as a boatswain. 10th April 1633. [1 p.] Endorsed thereon</i> , II. <i>Officers of Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend petitioner for appointment. 13th January 1636. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]</i>	Ibid., No. 80. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
Jan. 13.	Boatswain of the Henrietta on the removal of Boatswain Moorecock.	Petition of Richard Wills to the same. Similar in character to the last petition. <i>Annexed</i> , 1. <i>Capt. William Cooke and others to the same. Certificate of the fitness of petitioner. 13th January 1636. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.] Underwritten</i> , II. <i>Officers of the Navy to the same. Recommendation of petitioner. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]</i>	Ibid., No. 81. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
Jan. 26.	Boatswain in one of the two pinnaces shortly to be launched.	Francis Smith to Nicholas. Solicits Nicholas's favour for the writer's kinsman, Henry Rhodes. [<i>Seal with arms.</i>]	Vol. ccxlv., No. 111. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.
Jan. 29. London.	Gunner in one of his Majesty's pinnaces.	Certificate of Capt. William Rainsborough of the competency of John Adams.	Vol. ccxlv., No. 37. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.
Jan. 30. Mincing Lane.	Master-gunner of the Swan frigate.	Officers of Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. Recommendation of Richard Fluellin, with additional certificate on his behalf of Capt. Henry Dunning.	Ibid., No. 49. 1 p.
[Jan. 30.] Whitehall.	The same.	Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of Navy. Appointment of Richard Fluellin. [<i>Unsigned.</i>]	Ibid., No. 50. = $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

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Date.	Office.	Nature of Document.	Reference to Document.
1636-7. Jan. 30. Mincing Lane.	Boatswain in one of the pinnaces building for Sallee.	Officers of Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend Robert Ford.	Vol. cccxlv., No. 51. 1 p.
Feb. 6.	Boatswain in one of the pinnaces now building.	Certificate of Sir John Pennington in recommendation of Robert Ford.	Vol. cccxvi., No. 51. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
[Feb.]	Lieutenant to Sir Beverley Newcomen in the Swallow.	Sir Beverley Newcomen to Nicholas. Has chosen William Sidney for his lieutenant, and prays a warrant for him.	Vol. cccxlviii., No. 92. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
[Feb.]	Pursers and cooks in the new pinnaces.	List of persons recommended, from amongst whom the fiat of the Lord Treasurer indicates William Brissenden and Roger Beale for appointment as pursers in the new pinnaces, and Thomas Canterton in the Third Whelp, and Ambrose Broadbank and Peter Carter for appointment as cooks in the new pinnaces. Besides those appointed, Henry Austen, Thomas Nash, Robert Bishop, and William Snape were also recommended for pursers' places, and William Baker for cook.	Ibid., No. 93. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
1637. April 15. Office of Ordnance.	Master-gunner of the St. George.	Officers of Ordnance to Nicholas. Recommend Thomas Yates, late gunner of the Fourth Whelp, to succeed William Bishop, likely to be dismissed from the St. George. Yates is an able man, and lost the greatest part of his estate by the casting away of the Fourth Whelp.	Vol. cccliv., No. 10. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
April 17.	The same.	Officers of Navy to the same. Recommend Anthony Young.	Ibid., No. 27. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
April 20.	Master-gunner in the St. George during the present employment.	Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of Navy. To enter appointment of Anthony Young, master-gunner of the Defiance, to the same office in the St. George, in place of William Bishop.	Vol. cccli., fol. 3 b. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
April 20.	Master-gunner of the Swan frigate.	The same to the same. To enter appointment of Richard Llewellyn.	Ibid. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
April 24.	Purser in the Swan frigate.	The same to the same. To enter appointment of Henry Austen the younger.	Ibid., fol. 7. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

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Date.	Office.	Nature of Document.	Reference to Document.
1637. April 29.	Purser of the Nicodemus.	Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. To enter Thomas Nash, appointed by the Lords.	Vol. cccliii., fol. 9 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.
April 29.	Master-gunner of the Defiance until the St. George shall return from the present employment.	The same to the same. To enter William Bishop, then master-gunner of the St. George.	Ibid., fol. 11. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
May 13.	Master-carpenter of the Swallow.	Petition of John Short, ship carpenter, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Sets forth past services and prays appointment.	Vol. ccclvi., No. 49. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
May 21. Whitehall.	Lieutenant to Capt. Thomas Kettleby in the Swallow.	Appointment of Mr. Thomas Kettleby.	Vol. cccliii., fol. 25. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
May 22.	Master-carpenter in the Swallow.	The like of John Short in place of John Dalton, deceased.	Ibid., fol. 23. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.
June 3.	Master-carpenter in the St. George.	The like of Samuel Smith in place of Stephen Danske, who is willing to surrender to Smith.	Ibid., fol. 27. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.

RETURNS MADE BY JUSTICES OF PEACE,

FROM 1ST JANUARY 1636-7 TO 30TH JUNE 1637,

Most of them relating to Measures for Relief of the Poor, taken in pursuance of the King's Book of Orders and Instructions of the Council.

Date.	For what Place.	Nature of Document.	Reference to Document.
1636-7. Jan. 17.	Townships of Elstree, Northaw, East Barnet, and Chipping Barnet in the liberty of St. Albans, Herts.	Minute of the delivery to Justices of Peace of the following bills of presentment, and that the Justices gave charge that the same should be more fully certified at their next meeting. <i>Annexed,</i> 1. <i>Return for Chipping Barnet. States that watch and ward had been kept, vagrants passed, and presents three persons for selling beer without licence. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]</i>	Vol. cccxliv., No. 30. 1 p.

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Date.	For what Place.	Nature of Document.	Reference to Document.
1636-7.		II. <i>Return for East Barnet, of keeping watch and ward, and the passing of vagrants. 22nd December 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]</i> III. <i>The like for Northaw. Applies to the same subjects as the preceding, and presents two persons for keeping their children at home without employment. 17th January 1636-7. [1 p.]</i> IV. <i>The like of the Churchwardens and Overseers for Elstree. That the poor are sufficiently relieved, and no children unemployed who are able to work. Stock remaining for relief of the poor, 40s. 18th January 1636-7. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]</i> V. <i>The like of the Petty Constable of Elstree, as to beer licences, vagrants, and watch and ward. 18th January 1636-7.</i> VI. <i>The like of the Overseers of Poor for Chipping Barnet. Minute account of the expenditure upon the poor, specifying the allowance to each person, and in most cases the reason for the payment. [1 p.]</i>	
Jan. 21.	Borough of St. Albans.	Certificate of Mayor and other Justices of the Peace of conformity with the Book of Orders. Six wanderers punished and sent away with passes and guides; 82 poor cripples sent away with guides.	Vol. cccxliv., No. 59. 1 p.
Feb. 16.	Hundred of Wentllooge, co. Monmouth.	Certificate of Justices of Peace of conformity with the Book of Orders.	Vol. cccxlvii., No. 28. 1 p.
Feb. 16.	Hundreds of Blackheath, Bromley and Beckenham, Ruxley and Little and Lesness, Kent.	Similar certificate, stating the numbers of children put forth as apprentices, alehouses suppressed, and penalties levied.	Ibid., No. 29. 1 p.
Feb. 18. Penhoule Castle.	Hundred of Caldicott, co. Monmouth.	Justices of Peace to Judges of Assize. Since last certificate have apprehended 64 vagabonds, restrained cooks and butchers from dressing flesh	Ibid., No. 48. 1 p.

RETURNS MADE BY JUSTICES OF PEACE.

Date.	For what Place.	Nature of Document.	Reference to Document.
1636-7.		this Lent, suppressed 12 alehouses, appointed the poor who complained to be relieved by weekly allowance, have apprenticed the only young person fit to be bound. In their hundred there are 38 alehouses, whereof 18 are in Chepstow, a market town and great thoroughfare.	
Feb. 18.	Hundreds of Ock, Hormer, and Moreton, in the division of Abingdon, Berks,	Justices of Peace to the Council. As to apprentices bound, watch and ward kept, rogues and vagabonds punished and passed, and alehouses licensed.	Vol. cccxlvii., No. 49. 1 p.
Feb. 18 [?]	Newbury division of Berks.	The like to Justices of Assize. Similar return. About the beginning of November one died of the plague in Hungerford, whereupon order was taken for a house to be erected in the fields, also for his family to be removed, for watchmen, and a tax to be made for their relief and that of the rest of the poor (being very many), and all of them to be kept within the town from going abroad for six weeks.	Ibid., No. 50. 1 p.
Feb. 20.	Hundred of Sparkenhoe, co. Leicester.	The like to the like. Punished 22 rogues since the last certificate; on a privy search for rogues, found 9; fined constables for being negligent in the search, 2; apprenticed 7; set forth as servants in husbandry, young women, 3, and as apprentices, 2; have taken a list of poor men's children yet unfit, but to be hereafter bound, 17.	Ibid., No. 66. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
Feb. 20.	Liberty of St. Albans, Herts	Certificate of Justices of Peace that the following presentments were this day made to them, viz., I. <i>Return from Chipping Barnet of weekly sums paid for relief of impotent persons.</i> II. <i>Return of Constables for the same place.</i> III. <i>Precept of a Justice of Peace to the constables of Northaw to bring certain idle persons before the justices at their next monthly meeting (18th February 1636-7), with</i>	Ibid., No. 67. $\frac{1}{4}$ p. Ibid., No. 67, I. $\frac{3}{4}$ p. Ibid., No. 67, II. 1 p. Ibid., No. 67, III. 1 p.

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1636-7.		<i>notes of the orders of the justices as to what should be done with each person.</i>	
		iv. <i>Presentment from the Constables and others of the same parish of Northaw.</i>	Vol. cccxlvii., No. 67, iv. 1 p.
		v. <i>Return from Idlestrey [Elstree] of sums paid for relief of the poor.</i>	Ibid., No. 67, v. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
		vi. <i>Return of Constables for the same place.</i>	Ibid., No. 67, vi. 1 p.
Feb. 20.	Lathe of Shepway, and hundreds of Wye and Felborough, Kent.	Return by Justices of Peace of apprentices placed, and very particular account of vagrants punished.	Ibid., No. 68. 1 p.
[Feb. 20 ?]	Upper and Lower half hundred of Eyhorne and hundred of Maidstone, Kent.	Similar return of apprentices placed.	Ibid., No. 69. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pp.
[Feb. 20 ?]	Hundreds of Eastry, Corniloe, and Bewsborough, Kent.	Similar return of rogues punished and apprentices placed.	Ibid., No. 70. 1 p.
Feb. 20.	Forest division of Berks.	Certificate of Justices of Peace, of conformity with the provisions of the Book of Orders.	Ibid., No. 71. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
Feb. 20.	Reading division of the same county.	Similar certificate.	Ibid., No. 72. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
Feb. 20.	Hundreds of Ongar, Waltham, and Harlow, Essex.	Similar certificate.	Ibid., No. 73. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
Feb. 21.	Hundreds of Loes, Wilford, Thredling, and Plomesgate, within the Liberty of St. Ethelred, Suffolk.	Justices of Peace to the Sheriff. Similar certificate.	Ibid., No. 79. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
Feb. 22.	Rape of Hastings, Sussex.	Names of 24 poor children put apprentice since 18th June 1636.	Ibid., No. 88. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
Feb. 22.	Downish part of the rape of Bramber, Sussex.	Certificate of Justices of Peace of conformity with the Book of Orders, with names of apprentices bound.	Ibid., No. 89. 1 p.
Feb. 23.	Milton, Sheppey, Teynham, Boughton, and Faversham, Kent.	Similar certificate, with an account of the fees paid with apprentices.	Vol. cccxlviii., No. 14. 3 pp.
Feb. 23.	South division of lathe of Aylesford, Kent.	Similar certificate, but without the account of fees.	Ibid., No. 15. 2 pp.
Feb. 23.	Hundreds of Huxloe and Orlingbury, co. Northampton.	Justices of Peace to the Sheriff of co. Northampton. Certificate of general conformity with the Book of Orders.	Ibid., No. 16. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.

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1636-7. Feb. 23.	Hundreds of Willybrook, Polebrook, and Navisford, co. Northampton.	Justices of Peace to the Sheriff of co. Northampton. Similar certificate.	Vol. ccclxviii., No. 17. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
Feb. 23.	Hundreds of Higham Ferrers and Hamfordshoe, co. Northampton.	The like to the same. Similar certificate.	Ibid., No. 18. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
Feb. 24.	Rape of Arundel, Sussex.	Certificate of Justices of Peace of conformity to the Book of Orders, with list of apprentices put out.	Ibid., No. 27. 1 p.
Feb. 24.	Hundreds of Rothwell and Corby, co. Northampton.	Justices of Peace to Sheriff of co. Northampton. General certificate of conformity to the Book of Orders.	Ibid., No. 28. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
Feb. 24.	Hundred of Guilsborough, co. Northampton.	The like to the same. Similar certificate.	Ibid., No. 29. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.
Feb. 24.	Hundreds of Wymersley, Spelhoe, and Nobottle, co. Northampton.	The like to Sir Thomas Trevor, Judge of Assize. General certificate.	Ibid., No. 30. 1 p.
Feb. 25.	Part of the Wildish division of the rape of Bramber, Sussex.	Certificate of Justices of Peace of conformity with the Book of Orders.	Ibid., No. 43. 1 p.
[Feb?]	Parishes of Worth, Nonnington, Ewell, Buckland, Goodnestone, Staple, Wickham, Whitfield, Shaldon, and Guston, Kent.	List of apprentices put forth, unlicensed alehouse keepers and vagrants punished.	Ibid., No. 94. 1 p.
[Feb?]	Hundred of Wallington, Surrey.	Certificate of Justices of Peace of conformity with the Book of Orders.	Ibid., No. 95. 1 p.
March 1.	Division of Babergh, Suffolk.	The like.	Vol. ccclxix., No. 11. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
March 1.	Hundred of Hartesmere, Suffolk.	Justices of Peace to the Sheriff of Suffolk. Certificate of observance of the Book of Orders since the 22nd July last. Have levied for disorders in inns and alehouses and other offences 27 <i>l.</i> 17 <i>s.</i> , and caused it to be distributed accordingly.	Ibid., No. 12. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
March 1.	The middle division of Surrey.	Justices of Peace to Sir Francis Crawley and Sir Richard Weston, Judges of Assize. Certify that Kingston having been visited with the plague they could not with safety hold their accustomed meetings, but	Ibid., No. 13. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.

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1636-7.		that they had bound forth 4 apprentices and punished 16 vagrants, and levied upon disordered alehouse keepers 15s.	
[March 1.]	West division of Surrey, for the hundreds of Blackheath, Godalming, Woking, Godley, and Farnham.	Justices of Peace to Sir Francis Crawley and Sir Richard Weston, Judges of Assize. Names of apprentices put forth and number of rogues punished.	Vol. ccclix., No. 14. 1 p.
[March 1.]	West division of Surrey, for the hundred of Wotton.	Certificate of Justices of Peace of numbers apprentices put out and rogues punished.	Ibid., No. 15. 1 p.
March 1. Abergavenny.	Hundred of Abergavenny, co. Monmouth.	Justices of Peace to Judges of Assize. Since the last assizes have suppressed all unnecessary alehouses, have put forth 18 poor youths, have kept watch and ward, and punished 24 rogues and wanderers.	Ibid., No. 16. 1 p.
March 4. Leicester.	Hundred of West Goscote, co. Leicester.	The like to the like. General certificate of conformity with the Book of Orders. 22 poor children apprenticed and 46 rogues punished.	Ibid., No. 35. 1 p.
March 4.	Hundred of Guthlaxton, co. Leicester.	The like to Sir Richard Hutton and Sir Thomas Trevor, Judges of Assize. General certificate of conformity.	Ibid., No. 36. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
March 6.	The half-hundreds of Blofield and Walsham, Norfolk.	The like to Sir John Bramston and Sir George Croke, Judges of Assize. Similar general certificate of conformity.	Ibid., No. 45. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
March 6.	Hundreds in Norfolk not stated.	The like to the same. Similar certificate.	Ibid., No. 46. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.
March 6. Thetford.	Hundreds of Clackclose, Freebridge Lynn, and Freebridge Marshland, Norfolk.	Similar certificate of Justices of Peace. They state that among the rogues punished there were divers from Scotland and Ireland, who were conveyed out of this kingdom into Scotland or Ireland as the case might be.	Ibid., No. 47. 1 p.
March 7.	Hundred of High Peak, co. Derby.	Justices of Peace to the Judges of Assize. General certificate of conformity.	Ibid., No. 55. 1 p.
March 9.	Half-hundred of Hitchin, co. Hertford.	The like to the like. Particular certificate of conformity, specifying the names of apprentices and masters, with other similar particulars. In Hitchin 22 persons died of the plague	Ibid., No. 70. 1 p.

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1636-7.		and 14 houses were infected ; 20 persons recovered of plague sores; and 128 <i>l.</i> were disbursed to the poor during the visitation.	
March 9.	Hundreds of Edwinstree and Odsey, co. Hertford.	Justices of Peace to the Council. General certificate. At Buntingford there died two of the plague.	Vol. cccxlix., No. 71. 1 <i>p.</i>
March 9.	Hundreds of Hayridge. Bampton, Tiverton, Halberton, and Hemmyock, Devon.	Certificate of Justices of Peace that they had bound 69 apprentices, punished 61 vagrants, and levied various small sums, amongst them 16 <i>s.</i> on persons absent from their parish churches. <i>Annexed,</i> <i>I. Names of the 69 apprentices above mentioned.</i> [1½ <i>p.</i>]	Ibid., No. 72. ¾ <i>p.</i>
March 9.	Limits of Worcester.	General certificate of Justices of Peace.	Ibid., No. 73. 1 <i>p.</i>
[March 10.]	Wapentakes of Bingham, Rushcliffe, and the south part of Thurgarton-a-Leigh, co. Nottingham.	Justices of Peace to Sir Richard Hutton and Sir Thomas Trevor, Judges of Assize. Certificate of rogues punished and apprentices bound.	Ibid., No. 83. 1½ <i>p.</i>
[March 10.]	Wapentake of Broxtow, co. Nottingham.	Other Justices of Peace to the same. Similar certificate.	Ibid., No. 84. 1 <i>p.</i>
[March 10.]	Wapentake of Newark, and the north part of Thurgarton-a-Leigh, in the same county.	The like. Similar certificate.	Ibid., No. 85. ¾ <i>p.</i>
March 10.	Hundred of Bersett Law [Bassetlaw], in the same county.	The like. Certificate of the state of every parish in relation to the maintenance of the poor.	Ibid., No. 86. 16 <i>pp.</i> , of which 7 are blank.
March 13.	Division of Falkingham, parts of Kesteven, co. Lincoln.	Justices of Peace to Sir Richard Hutton and Sir Thomas Trevor, Judges of Assize. General certificate.	Ibid., No. 105. 1 <i>p.</i>
March 13.	North part of the hundred of Bradford, Salop.	The like to Sir Humphrey Davenport. Similar certificate.	Ibid., No. 106. ¾ <i>p.</i>
March 14.	Division of Horncastle sessions, parts of Lindsey, co. Lincoln.	The like to Sir Richard Hutton and Sir Thomas Trevor, Judges of Assize. General certificate.	Ibid., No. 113. 1 <i>p.</i>

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1636-7. March 14.	Hundreds of Wrangdike and Martinsley, co. Rutland.	Certificate of Justices of Peace, principally of persons absent from church, one person fined for refusing to go with a hue and cry, being warned, two apprentices put forth, 48 vagrants punished.	Vol. cccxlix., No. 114. 1½ p.
March 15	Part of Manley wapentake, in the parts of Lindsey, co. Lincoln.	Justices of Peace to Sir Richard Hutton and Sir Thomas Trevor, Judges of Assize. General certificate. Disordered "brewsters" have been suppressed.	Ibid., No. 123. ¾ p.
[March 15?]	Division of Sleaford Sessions, co. Lincoln.	The like. Similar general certificate.	Ibid., No. 124. ¾ p.
March 28.	Division of Bolton, co. Lancaster.	Justices of Peace to Judges of Assize. Certificate principally relating to the punishment of vagrants. [<i>Very much damaged by damp.</i>]	Vol. cccli., No. 31. 3 pp.
[March?]	Downish division of Pevensey rape, Sussex.	Justices of Peace to the Council. Notwithstanding the infection of the plague almost in the midst of their division, they have put out 13 apprentices.	Ibid., No. 106. 1 p.
[March?]	Hundred of Stratton, Cornwall.	Certificate of Justices of Peace of names of 7 persons punished for selling drink without licence, 2 for tippling, 2 for swearing, and 2 for vagrancy within three months.	Ibid., No. 107. ¾ p.
[March?]	Division of co. Lancaster, wherein Roger Kirkley and George Dodding were justices of peace.	General certificate of care for relief of the poor since the assizes in August 1636, a period of great dearth of corn. [<i>Much damaged by damp.</i>]	Ibid., No. 108. 2 pp.
March.	Parishes of Warrington and Winwick, co. Lancaster.	Certificate of Justices of Peace of presentments made to them, principally of the punishment of vagrants from August last. [<i>Roll of parchment, damaged by damp.</i>]	Ibid., No. 109. 2 pp.
March.	Division of John Moore, Henry Ogle, and Henry Ashurst, co. Lancaster. It included the parishes of Rainford, Ormskirk, Parr, and others.	The like certificate of vagrants stocked and whipped, and such as have been sent to the House of Correction since August 1636. [<i>Damaged by damp.</i>]	Ibid., No. 110. 2¾ pp.
[March?]	Parishes of Rochdale and Middleton, co. Lancaster.	Justices of Peace to Sir George Vernon and Sir Robert Berkeley, Judges of Assize. Certificate of presentments made to them at their monthly meetings in conformity with the Book of Orders. [<i>Damaged by damp.</i>]	Ibid., No. 111. 4 pp.

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1636-7. [March ?]	Division which included Tittenbanger, Redbourn, and other places in co. Hertford.	Justices of Peace to Judges of Assize. Certificate of acts done in conformity with the Book of Orders. They state that since the preceding 1st July 46 persons had died in their division, and give the causes of death, only one being from the plague "as the viewers affirmed." Price of wheat, 5s. 6d. ; rye, 3s. 4d. ; oats, 2s. per bushel.	Vol. cccli., No. 112. 1 p.
[March ?]	Hundred of Broadwater and half-hundred of Hitchin, co. Hertford.	Certificate of Justices of Peace of their obedience to the Book of Orders, with list of 76 vagrants punished since the 29th July 1636. <i>Annexed</i> , <i>1. Similar certificate, but for the hundred of Broadwater only, including list of 174 vagrants punished to the 1st July 1636. [=1½ p.]</i>	Ibid., No. 113. 1½ p.
March.	Hundreds of Edwinstree and Odsey, co. Hertford.	Justices of Peace to the Council. Certificate of conformity, with names of apprentices bound.	Ibid., No. 114. 1 p.
[March ?]	Hundreds of Reigate and Tandridge, Surrey.	Justices of Peace to Sir Francis Crawley and Sir Richard Weston, Judges of Assize. Tabular return of numbers of apprentices put out, rogues punished, unlicensed alehouses, and recusants.	Ibid., No. 115. 2 pp.
[March ?]	Hundred of Hinckford, Essex.	Return of Justices of Peace of apprentices put forth and alehouses suppressed.	Ibid., No. 116. ¾ p.
April 11.	District of Huddersfield, co. York.	Certificate of Justices of Peace of rogues punished and apprentices put forth.	Vol. ccclii., No. 58. 3 pp.
April 21. Wymondham.	Hundreds of Humbleyard, Mitford, and Forehoe, Norfolk.	The like of general conformity with the Book of Orders.	Vol. cccliv., No. 52. 1 p.
[April ?]	Townships and hamlets of Allerton, Bradford, Bolton, Bowling, Calverley, Cleckheaton, Drightlington, Elland, Ecclesall, Gomersal, Heaton, Hartshead, Haworth, Horton, Hipperholme, Halifax, Heptonstall, Heckmondwike, Idle, Midgley, Manning-	Certificate of Justices of Peace of observance of the Book of Orders, and especially that they have punished all keepers of unlicensed and disordered alehouses, and masters who have put away poor apprentices and did not educate and keep them. Also that they had appointed searchers and overseers of woollen cloth, with a list of 106 apprentices	Ibid., No. 183. 6 pp.

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1636-7.	ham, Northowram, North Bierley, Oven-den, Pudsey, Ras-trick, Rishworth, Stainland, Skircoat, Sowerby, Stans-field, Southowram, Shipley, Thornton, Tonge, Warley, Wike, Wadsworth, within the wapen-takes of Agbrigg and Morley, in the West Riding of co. York.	bound out, with their names and those of their masters.	
[April ?]	Hundreds of Cashio within the liberty of St. Albans, Hitchin, Hertford, Braughing, and Broadwater, and the borough of St. Albans, all co. Hert-ford.	Abstract of returns of Justices of Peace delivered at the Lent Assizes, 1637.	Vol. cccliv., No. 184. 2¼ pp.
May 2.	Wapentake of Buck-rose, in the East Rid-ing of co. York.	Return of apprentices bound, and that attention had been given to other things required by the Book of Orders.	Vol. ccclv., No. 28. 1½ p.
May 3.	Hundreds of Skenfreth, Ragland, and Trelleck, co. Monmouth.	Justices of Peace to Sir Hum-phrey Davenport and Sir Wil-liam Jones, Justices of Assize. Certify their conformity to the Book of Orders. Have kept watch and ward, set the poor on work, relieved the aged and impotent, took course for ob-servance of Lent and fasting days, punished 83 vagrants, suppressed 72 unlicensed ale-houses, licensed 56, and ap-prenticed 58 poor children.	Ibid., No. 63. 1 p.
June 16.	The three hundreds of Ashendon, co. Buck-ingham.	Abstract of returns from each separate parish in these hun-dreds, upon the several points mentioned in the Book of Orders.	Vol. ccclxi., No. 108. 1¼ p.
June 19.	Norwich, and the county of the said city.	Thomas Baker, mayor, and two others to Sir John Bramston and Sir George Croke, Jus-tices of Assize. Account of moneys levied as fines for the use of the poor since the 24th June 1636.	Vol. ccclxii., No. 5. Paper roll. = 3 pp.
June.	Parish not named, in co. Lancaster.	Return of apprentices put out from 1631 to 1636.	Ibid., No. 115. = 3 pp.

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[July 1.]

1. Paper entitled "His Majesty's intention in the Fast now to be commanded." 1. For himself and his family and all his subjects to prostrate themselves before God, praying for his relief to the parts of the kingdom yet visited by pestilence, and his help in the present danger of war. 2. The fast to be kept in London on the 5th inst., and in all other parts of the kingdom on the 2nd August, by which time the book conceived for a form of Common Prayer for that use may be dispersed throughout the kingdom. 3. That the effect of the exhortation in the book be the subject of the sermon, to be had the said day in all places where there is a preaching minister. 4. That the said form of prayer be used for the time following on Wednesdays. [1½ p.]

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London House.

2. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Settle proportions to be assigned to each saltpetreman, whereof the Master of the Ordnance has a list. Consider Thornhill's answer to the Dean of Windsor. Peruse letter from Sir Henry Marten touching Rice Thomas, a gunner in prison; ["discha[rge"], afterwards added]. Consider whether it be fit to call in some of the fleet for ease of his Majesty's charge, which will otherwise exceed the sum paid for shipping. Also a complaint made by Mr. Edisbury against Robert Rigge, of Fareham. There attends the Lords in custody one Jones, a gunner, upon the complaint of John Crofts. Resolve what shall be done with William Richardson, saltpetreman, who has failed to bring in his proportion of saltpetre. [Margin: "disch[arge]."] Consider Mr. Wyan's account and petition. Peruse report of Commissioners appointed to examine Vice-Admirals' accounts touching deputies to be appointed by Vice-Admirals. [1 p.]

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3. Affidavit of Richard Rowe, that by order of the Lords of the Admiralty he had caused a certain wall to be pulled down at Empacombe in the parish of Maker, co. Devon [Cornwall], and a legal way to be made. [½ p.] *Underwritten,*

3. 1. *Petition of Richard Rowe, praying that he may have up his bond which he gave for making the legal way above mentioned. [Endorsed by Nicholas, "He is to bring certificate that the Lords' order is performed." ½ p.]*

[July 1.]

4. Petition of Anthony Kirle to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner has for some years past received at Hull saltpetre from Richardson, the saltpetre maker of Yorkshire, for which he disbursed 3*l.* for every cwt., and delivered the same, by order of Richardson, at his Majesty's stores in Southwark at 3*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, of which petitioner is required to give a true account, being sent for up by a messenger, and now attending, which account was annexed from June 1634 to March last. For former years he refers to the account of the store kept by Mr. Brush in Southwark, and he finds that Richardson in October 1635 took one cask into his own dispose, and in April 1636 ordered another cask to be delivered to Walter Hill in Wood Street, and

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that in January and March last four casks were delivered to Thomas More in Southwark. As petitioner has not willingly offended he prays discharge. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 1. 5. Minute of the charge against Anthony Kirle and of the above petition. He appeared in custody on 29th May, and was required to give account of all salt-petre received from Mr. Richardson. The account being rendered, and appearing to be true, and Kirle having sums to pay to Edmund Nicholson for the use of his Majesty, which he cannot discharge without his return to Hull, he craves dismissal. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

July 1. Lords of the Admiralty to Robert Smith. Warrant to bring
London House. before the Lords Robert Rigge, of Fareham, Hants, to answer matters to be objected against him. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 37.*
 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

July 1. Entry on the Admiralty Register of the discharge of Richard Jones, master 'gunner of the St. Dennis, sent for to answer matters objected against him. [*Ibid., fol. 37 b.* $\frac{1}{5}$ p.]

July 1. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty on petition of John Crofts,
London House. messenger, praying them to send for Richard Jones, gunner of the St. Dennis, for assaulting petitioner with a crab staff on the face, endangering the loss of one of his eyes. It was ordered that petitioner might take his course against Jones according to law. [*Ibid., fol. 38 b.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

July 1. 6. Account by Sir William Russell of ship-money remaining unpaid upon writs issued in August 1635. Total, 9,225*l.* 9*s.* 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* Nicholas has added that there had been nothing paid of these arrears these three weeks, but after several deductions before mentioned (see p. 239), he made the arrear to amount only to 6,225*l.* [1 p.]

July 1. 7. Account by the same of ship-money received and outstanding under writs issued in 1636. Total received, 137,746*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*; outstanding, 58,853*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.* [1 p.]

July 1. 8. Account of ship-money levied and remaining in the hands of the sheriffs, 10,453*l.*, making with the 137,746*l.* above mentioned, 148,199*l.* as the total sum collected. [1 p.]

July 2. 9. The King to the Lord Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of York.
Greenwich. For preservation of the solemnity of divine service in some of our cathedral churches, and for the good of the inhabitants of those cities, we have required the mayors, aldermen, and their companies to frequent those holy places on Sundays and holydays, and that they be there at the beginning of divine service, and whilst they are there to carry themselves as becomes them, in obedience to the canons of the Church, and that they shall not use the ensigns of their authority within the said cathedrals, that hereafter the liberties granted by our progenitors to those bodies be inviolably kept. We require you to take care for the performance of all the said orders in

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that church, and that you, the Lord Mayor, and also the Recorder and Aldermen, at some solemn times every year, shall receive the Holy Communion in the said cathedral, to manifest your conformity to the orders established in the said church. [*Copy.* 1 p.]

July 2.

Petition of Sir Richard Titchborne and Sir Walter Titchborne, his Majesty's servants, to the King. Your Majesty has granted petitioners your protection for two years past, in which time they have paid and secured 13,000*l.* of their own and other men's debts. Hearing of the many clamours of importunate creditors, exhibited to your Majesty, petitioners do not become further suitors for protection, but pray your Majesty's commission to the Council or others to call their creditors before them, and mediate such reasonable composition as they shall think fit, and in the meantime petition as your Majesty's servants to be protected from arrest.

- I. *Reference to Sir William Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber, Sir Arthur Mainwaring, Sir Henry Spiller, Sir Henry Knollys, Clerk Comptroller of his Majesty, Sir William Parkhurst and Nicholas Drake, or any four of them, to call before them petitioners' creditors and mediate as above. Greenwich, 2nd July 1637. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 124. 1½ p.]*

July 2.

Petition of Margaret Kirby, widow, late wife of Jeffrey Kirby, of London, merchant, deceased, to the same. There have issued out of the Exchequer several commissions to treat with the pretended commoners of Sedgemoor, Somerset, for draining thereof, and for laying out a part for your Majesty. Petitioner's late husband having paid your Majesty a fine of 12,000*l.*, besides 100*l.* yearly rent, for your part therein, is entitled by your Majesty's contract to have such commission for perfecting that improvement as shall be requisite. Having lately renewed the commission out of the Exchequer with instructions annexed, and finding that many of the commoners refuse to treat unless the commission be under the great seal, petitioner prays warrant to the Attorney-General to draw a commission which may pass the great seal to the same effect as the former commission, and with the like instructions annexed. *Underwritten,*

- I. *Reference to the Attorney-General to certify his opinion. Greenwich, 2nd July 1637.*
- II. *Attorney-General Bankes to the King. Conceives it reasonable that a commission and instructions under the great seal should be awarded. 5th September 1637.*
- III. *Reference to the Attorney-General, to prepare such commission and instructions to pass the great seal. Hampton Court, 12th October 1637. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 166. 1½ p.]*

July 2.
Greenwich.

10. Order of the King in Council. Upon a certificate from the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, that the meeting referred

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from the Board the 21st May last to be before the said Lord Chief Justice, for settling an equal way of rating towards the business of shipping in co. Buckingham, is put off from time to time, by which means the sheriff finds a great stop in his present collection of ship-money, it was Ordered that the sheriff should proceed in his collection according to the assessment already made. [*Copy.* 1 p.]

July 2.
Claverton.

11. William Bassett, Sheriff of Somerset, to the Council. There is a great sum of ship-money unpaid as yet in Somerset, to collect which I have granted warrants of distress to be executed by constables, who are much disheartened by threats and more than menaces, as you may perceive by the complaint enclosed, which if not redressed there will be little more money paid, though I use my greatest diligence. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.] *Enclosed,*

11. I. *Complaint of John Simmes, of West Quantoxhead, that Tristram Evennes [Evans?] dared him to take a distress for the ship-money, and said he would "scower" [score?] him and make him an example to the whole parish, and that upon taking a distress he had arrested him.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

11. II. *Complaint of John More, of Stogumber. I went to Richard Bingegood, of Stogumber, to demand the ship-money, who told me that if I dared take his goods he would arrest me; whereupon, he being a turbulent person and full of law, I left him.* [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

11. III. *Note of George Hinsh, constable of Williton and Freemanners, that Simmes and More had made the above complaints to him to be sent to the sheriff for redress.* [$\frac{1}{6}$ p.]

July 2.
Claverton.

12. The same to Nicholas. Since my last I have not received 100*l.* for the shipping, through the threatening of such men as I employ for taking distresses. I desire you to take order for return of some speedy answer that the service may not stick. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

July 2.
Ludlow Castle.

13. Sir John Bridgeman, Chief Justice of Chester, to Sec. Windbank. I have used all the means I could for discovery of Christopher Ellarkar, who about two years continued in house with William Pickering, of Stanton Lacy, and oversaw a water work then making for Lord Craven. If he were now in those parts he could not be long concealed. Sir Charles Smith, to whose house he used to repair, has dwelt in Leicestershire and Warwickshire, and has lately removed to Winchester. You wish to understand from me the condition of Dr. Clayton. I have perused a presentment upon oath, whereby he is accused—1. For haunting alehouses, and once continuing in several alehouses in Ludlow from Thursday to Wednesday, neglecting to come to his church, being within two miles, or any other church on the Sunday. 2. For tempting the chastity of divers women. 3. For causing the bells to be rung at

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the bringing beer into his house, making those who brought it drunk, and giving the ringers 2s. I find also an information depending against him before the Council in the Marches of Wales, for beating his sexton with a staff in the church on the 7th March last. For Pickering and his wife, although recusants, I have not heard that they be factious or dangerous. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

July 2.

14. Sir Henry Wotton to Mr. Johnson, apothecary, Snow Hill, London. I have addressed my servant to you; first, that you would direct him where he may buy one of "your Gerrards" [Gerarde's Herbal?] well and strongly bound; next, where I may have for my money all kinds of coloured pinks to set in my garden, or any such flowers as perfume the air; thirdly, let me consult with you whether you know any sick of *melancholia hypochondriaca*, wherewith I have been troubled of late, but more with a symptom very frequent in that passion (as the great Fernelius describes it), namely, with certain very noisome odours which the spleen sends up with offence of my scent and taste, and yet without any imaginable taint of my breath. I go seeking examples to comfort my fancy, wherein you will do me a singular pleasure, especially if you add what has done any such patient most good. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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15. Roger Harvey to his brother, Richard Harvey. Reply to a remonstrance from his brother for giving way to their sister's journey to London. He dissuaded her what in him lay. He knew no way to prevent her journey but imprisonment. Nothing persuaded her but her own airy pate. The issue of her journey is that she has brought all her clothes in trouble in the carrier's hands for 20s., and how she will get them off he knows not, not having anything but her subsistence from him. There is nothing to be had from her mother, not so much as "a spoling tornne" [a spinning wheel?]. He describes his own course of life as "from my bed to my lombs [looms?], and from my lombs weary to my bed again," debarred of all societies both of Church and State, and were it not that patience has some rule, he could not subsist. The trouble he is now in concerning Sherman is a most unjust and unconscionable suit. [1 p.]

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16. Her[bert?] Arnett to his well-wished-unto friend and cousin, Mrs. Alice Carter, at Dinton. Letter of affection written in religious phraseology, and principally founded upon the opinion of a good man, "Mr. Greeām" [Graham?], as to the rules to be observed in the selection of a husband or wife. Jethro's choice of Moses as a husband for his daughter is an example commended on many grounds. [1 p.]

July 2.

17. Minute of a petition of the Soapmakers of Bristol, in which they alleged that articles were agreed to in November 1635, by which they were permitted to make 600 tons yearly of soap from olive oil, and to sell the same at $3\frac{1}{2}d.$ per pound, paying 4*l.* per ton to his Majesty. They complained that the soapmakers of London

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hindered their trade, and prayed that it might be settled in accordance with the said articles. The soapmakers of London were thereupon ordered to attend the Lords, which they did with the answer which is here set down. The agreement alluded to was made without their privity. They leave the Bristol proposal to his Majesty, with certain suggestions for restraining the quantity of soap to be made to the 600 tons above mentioned. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

17. I. *Request of John Lightfoot that the order in this case might be carefully drawn, and that he might see it before it passed.* [5 lines.]

July 2.

18. Minute of the case of William Willis and John Collins, draymen, who wilfully ran their cart against Lord Exeter's coach and overthrew it, he being in it, and when willed to stand still till the coach was passed, they replied, "Hold your prating!" They are in the new prison in Clerkenwell. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

July 3.
Hereford.

19. Thomas Church, Mayor of Hereford, to the Council. I received your letter of the 16th June last, purporting that 132*l.* of the ship-money for Hereford in 1635 is yet unpaid, and requiring me to cause the same to be paid over to Sir William Russell, or otherwise to attend the Board by the end of last term. The letter was delivered the 29th June, which was after the term ended; and as concerning the said moneys I repaired to Walter Wall, mayor of Hereford in 1635, whose answer was that he had paid part of the ship-money charged upon the said city for 1635 to Sir William Russell, and the rest of the money by him collected he would forthwith satisfy. [*Seal.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 3.

20. Dr. Thomas Rives to [the same]. Upon a petition of Solomon Journeaux, of Jersey, against James Bandinell, of the same island, clerk, which was referred to me, I sent forth my warrant, dated 6th July 1636, requiring Bandinell to appear before me within forty days after sight thereof. Such warrant was showed to him the 20th May last; the 40 days expired about four days since, and no appearance has been made by Bandinell, so that I cannot enter into the merit of the cause. The plaintiff fearing the sudden remove of the Court from Greenwich and the parts near London, has desired me to certify Bandinell's non-appearance, which I do, offering my opinion, that if he shall not appear before the 10th inst., you may allow petitioner his costs, and take such further order for punishing defendant's contempt as to you shall seem fit. [1 p.]

July 3.

21. [Secretary Windebank] to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. The secret treaty with the Infante Cardinal for procuring passes to such fishers of Holland as should take his Majesty's licences, to pass safely to and from the fishing in his Majesty's seas, has failed by the perverseness of the Spanish ministers, and the Hollanders have thereupon refused to take those licences which were sent to Sir William Boswell under the King's hand and signet,

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nevertheless intending to fish in his Majesty's seas this year, as they have done heretofore, to which purpose many of them are gone towards the north with strong convoys. The King has hereupon commanded me to send you these licences, being about 200, and his pleasure is that you despatch one of the merchant ships under your charge (being not willing to employ any of his own until it appears what the success will be) toward the north, with these licences, to make offer of them to the fishers at the same rates they were taken last year. And if such as take them shall desire to be safe conducted in their return, you are to assure them that his Majesty will cause some of his fleet to accompany them homeward. And thus much his Majesty commanded Mr. Gerbier to make known to the Infante Cardinal and his ministers, but they did not well relish it, nor have yet given any resolution upon it. The like is also signified to Sir William Boswell, who has order to assure the fishers that will take licences, of his Majesty's protection. But if the fishers already upon our coasts refuse these licences, then the Earl is to give advertisement to his Majesty, who will take further resolution. [*Draft. Endorsed, "Sent by an express by Witherings."* 2 pp.]

July 3. 22. Sir Thomas Reynolds to Sir William Becher. One Partridge, a vintner, has preferred a petition to the Board against me, which is the same in effect which heretofore he preferred to his Majesty, whereunto I made answer, wherewith his Majesty rested satisfied. As this petition has reference to a licence under the great seal, and certain articles from commissioners authorized under the late Lord Nottingham, my suit is that Partridge may produce before you the said licence and articles, to the end I may more particularly answer his complaint. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 3. Entry on the Admiralty Register of the discharge of William Richardson, formerly sent for to answer matters to be objected against him. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 37 b.* $\frac{1}{7}$ p.]

July 3. 23. Capt. William Rainsborough to Capt. George Carteret. I
The Leopard. pray you at your arrival at Mamora to present the governor with five Portugals and the two French renegades, and if he that is aboard of Capt. Seaman be a renegade, then present him also. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 4. 24. Warrant to pay 50*l.* to John Howsman, postmaster of York,
Westminster. in part of the wages of his office, and a like sum to Alexander Armorer, postmaster of Alnwick, on the like account. [*Strip of parchment.* 12 lines.]

July 4. 25. William Cage and William Tyler, bailiffs of Ipswich, to the
Ipswich. Council. By reason of infection in Bury St. Edmunds, where the assizes for Suffolk have been usually kept, the judges have appointed the next assizes to be holden at Ipswich on the 31st inst. There are divers other towns visited at this time, but Ipswich is wholly free. There is every year a fair kept in Ipswich on

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St. James's day, a few days before the assizes. We fear that by the concourse of pedlers, and people who are careless into what places they resort, the town may be infected, which will be of great danger to the country who are to resort thither. For prevention we are suitors that St. James's fair may for the present year be omitted. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

July 4. 26. Similar letter, but signed by William Cage only. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 4. 27. Lord Lieutenant and Justices of Peace for Surrey to the Council. According to your order for payment of money for the visited people in Southwark, all the moneys of these parts have been collected long since, only the parish of Ashstead, whose moneys had likewise been paid in if John Bagg of the same parish had not been defaultive, as appears by certificate of the constable enclosed. [*Seal with crest.* 1 p.]

July 4. 28. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Windebank. I have received your letter with two boxes of licences. It seems Sir William Boswell has sent me some advertisements of preparations made in Holland for guard of their fishers, but none are yet come to hand; if they were directed to your elder brother [Sec. Coke] I will not wonder at their slow passage. I intend to give Capt. Fielding directions for this service, he being the only man in the merchants' ships capable. You tell me that if the Dutch accept these licences he shall distribute them at the rates given last year; but you give no directions what he shall do if they refuse or avoid coming near him. It is likely to be two or three days before he will be fitted with a pilot and other necessities; I desire in the meantime you would let me know how he shall behave himself if they prove obstinate, and what means you will direct for his giving notice of his success. If they condescend to what is demanded, and the King resolves to convoy them home, it will require a good number of ships, for they return in small fleets. [*Endorsed by Windebank as answered 6th, with despatches of Sir William Boswell of 2nd July and Mr. Gerbier of 4th.* 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 4. 29. Capt. Edward Popham to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. According to your order directed to the captains of the Pleiades, The St. George, riding at the Industry, and myself, we wafted to the Brill three vessels with Heleford Slues goods and servants of the Prince Elector, and on the 26th June we [Hellevoetsluis]. stood off again to sea. On the 27th there ensued a storm from the N.W., which continued all night. The next day my ship [the Fifth Whelp] took in much water and sprung a leak. I plied the pumps [as minutely described], but she sunk in the afternoon of the 28th June, 16 leagues from the coast of Holland. Seventeen men sunk with the ship; myself and forty men got into a small boat and rowed from four o'clock in the evening until eight the next morning, when we made an English ship riding before the Brill and bound for Rotterdam, where "he" landed me and the rest of my men that were saved. At Rotterdam I had news of some of his

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Majesty's ships at Hellevoetsluis, where I found the St. George, the Vanguard, and the William, and aboard of these ships I have placed my men. As soon as wind and weather give me leave, I will wait on you with a more full relation, and receive commands for disposing of my men. [2 pp.]

July 4.

30. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 7,024*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.* paid by Henry Capps on behalf of William Paston, sheriff of Norfolk, in part of 7,800*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 4.

Office of
Assurance,
Royal Exchange,
London.

31. Policy of Insurance for 800*l.* on goods shipped on board the Thomas, of Leith, bound from St. Sebastian to Newhaven, in France. The rate of premium was 4*l.* per cent., and each several assurer underwrote the policy with the amount which he was willing to assure, and gave a receipt for the premium received. [= 2 pp.]

July 4.

32. Petition of Robert Moore to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner buying of John Clutterbuck 13 cwt. of "Barbara" saltpetre, is warned to appear before you to make known where it is. Petitioner sold 10 cwt. to Jasper Selwyn, grocer, who sold the same to Hutchins, a Chandler at the Ship on Tower Hill, and the remainder to Heath, a chemist near London Stone. Prays discharge. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
Annexed,

32. I. *Affidavit of John Rowell, haberdasher, of London, that the saltpetre which Moore bought of Clutterbuck was sold for "Barbara" saltpetre. Sworn 4th July 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

July 4.

33. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

July 5.

34. Paper of notes and memoranda by Nicholas respecting the ship-money, with suggestions for getting in the arrears, and for improving the mode of collection, especially by compelling every sheriff to collect the amount charged upon his county within the year of his shrievalty. Various places are mentioned for inquiry or reduction, as Wokingham, Reading, Wigan, Peterborough, Lynn, Langport Estover, Chichester, Bury St. Edmunds, and Bewdley. [*This was probably a paper prepared to be laid before a meeting of a committee of the Council held this day, and which is further mentioned in the next paper. This paper concludes with a brief note of the resolution then passed. 3 pp.]*

July 5.

Star Chamber.

Notes by Nicholas of proceedings of a committee of the Council for the business of shipping. Resolved according to his Majesty's pleasure, signified by himself at Greenwich on Sunday last, that every county shall be ordered to set forth ships as in the last year without any alteration. The Lord Keeper said that he had spoken with the judges of assize to advise with the justices of peace about making the rates for all public payments equal. Notes are also given of various new clauses to be drawn by Nicholas, chiefly in conformity with the suggestions mentioned in the preceding paper. [*See Vol. ccci., No. 96. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]*

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July 5.
Godstone.

35. Certificate of John Evelyn, that there was delivered in June 1636, by William Richardson, a cask of petre weighing 4 cwt. 1 lb. at the then storehouse in Southwark. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

July 5.

36. Examination of John Mohun, son and heir to Lord Mohun, taken by Sec. Windebank. Upon the 3rd inst., about 10 in the morning, examinant, coming down Snow Hill in company of Cassius Burrowes [Borough], son to Sir John Burrowes, king-at-arms, and Obadiah Gossop, chaplain to Lord Mohun, and having with him two of his own servants, crossed the street to avoid a cart, and a coach came suddenly upon examinant, whereupon he struck at the horses to keep them back with a cane which he had in his hand, which the coachman espying lashed at him with his whip; examinant struck the coachman with his cane, and the coachman lashed at him again; then one of examinant's servants, John Ennis, a Dutchman, drew his sword and struck at the coachman, whereupon one that sat in the boot of the coach drew his sword and struck or thrust at examinant, which he bore off with his cane, as appears by a mark thereon. As soon as examinant was disengaged from the coach, he drew his sword and struck at the coach as it passed by, but knows not that he hurt any man in the coach. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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37. Examination of Cassius Borough. Details the circumstances above mentioned with some additions. The coach was that of Lord Savage, but they knew it not at the time. Mohun struck the horses "to avoid crushing against the houses." Ennis thought to have cut the coachman's reins, "because he drove away so fast that he could have no other satisfaction." Examinant drew his sword rather to defend himself than to offend others, but struck not at the coach. Knows not how Lord Lumley came hurt. As soon as Lord Savage spoke to examinant and warned him, he retired, and caused Ennis and others to desist. [1 p.]

July 6.
Westminster.

38. Warrant to pay 290*l.* to Jeremy [Jerome] Earl of Portland, or so much thereof as shall be expedient in building a lodge for Humphrey Rogers, one of the keepers of the Great Park of Richmond, Surrey, estimated at 295*l.* or thereabouts. [*Strip of parchment.* 12 lines.]

July 6.

Petition of Carr Coventry to the King. Thomas Russell, of Lambeth, had the making of 1,815 tons of soft soap yearly under the corporation of the soapmakers of Westminster, at St. Katherine's. In consideration of a sum of money delivered to Russell, he granted, on 24th March 1634, to petitioner that he should receive 4*s.* upon every ton made at that house, which for divers months petitioner received, but for two years past he has not received any profit at all. Russell having some share left in the soap, is suddenly to dispose of the same. Petitioner prays a reference to some of the Council, that they may send for the governor and some of the assistants to show

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cause why they should not give satisfaction to the petitioner. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 93. 1 p.*] *Underwritten,*

1. *Reference to Archbishop Laud, the Lord Keeper, the Lord Treasurer, Lord Cottington, and Secretaries Coke and Windebank, to determine these differences. Whitehall, 6th July 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 94. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

July 6.
Chatham Hill.

39. Officers of Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. According to your warrant of 23rd May last, for the survey of provisions, we appointed two Trinity masters, with a brewer and a butcher, to view all the victual they could see in preparation for his Majesty's or the merchant ships, and to certify their proceeding for prevention of the abuses which victuallers and pursers usually practised, for delivering and receiving less than their due proportion, as also by remissness in preservation of each sort to continue good, wherein these men have used their utmost endeavours, as by the copy of their certificate herewith sent may appear. Yet we are of opinion that unless the officers in every ship take an exact account of the quality and quantity delivered to them, there may be much fraud, it being not possible for a few men to survey in all places where the victuals are provided, and see it on board the particular ships in due proportion. [1 p.]

39. I. *Survey of marine victuals provided since 27th March 1637. The surveyors state what provisions they had inspected, and that the same were very good and serviceable, only the drysalted beef in the storehouse at Tower Hill was somewhat scanty in weight. 24th May 1637. [3 pp.]*

July 6.

40. The same to the same. Report on reference of Mr. Fleming's petition (*see Vol. pp. 222, 234*). By reason of his infirmity (the service requiring an able and active man) we hold it fit that such a change were; but for the gentleman specified, he is best known at Court, where he has been bred. We are so little acquainted with his abilities, that we are not able to inform you of his fitness for the place. [1 p.]

July 6.

41. Sec. Windebank to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. I perceive by your letter of the 4th inst. that the direction which I gave by his Majesty's command, as to what is to be done if the Dutch refuse to take the licences, is not so clearly understood as I intended. There was a passage in my despatch to this purpose, that if the fishers refuse these licences, you are to give advertisement to his Majesty, who will take further resolution. The truth is, his Majesty is not willing to proceed roundly with them, and therefore holds this way of inviting them to acknowledge his right, without sending his whole fleet, which would be a manifest obligation in honour to perfect the work notwithstanding any opposition, which might be of dangerous consequence to the present condition of his affairs. Therefore, in case of refusal, he chooses to have time

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to consider what resolution to settle. You may instruct the party whom you employ to advertise the success, especially if they accept not the licences, without proceeding further until his Majesty shall give order. For the safe conducting, his Majesty will govern himself according to the success of the former, and the advice he shall receive from you or the party whom you employ. His Majesty is now at Havering, and so I have not the commodity to acquaint him with your last despatch, but I understand his purpose so particularly that you need not doubt to take this way. I send the two last despatches I received from Sir William Boswell and Mr. Gerbier, by which you will understand the ground of what I wrote in my last. [*Copy, in handwriting of Windebank. 1½ p.*]

July 6.

42. News-letter of C. Rossingham. Minute account of Bastwick, Burton, and Prynne being put into the pillory at Westminster, and their ears being cut off. The "light common people strewed herbs and flowers before" Dr. Bastwick, and when Burton's ears were cut off, the people wept and grieved much, "and at the cutting off of each ear there was such a roaring as if every one of them had at the same instant lost an ear." In another place it is stated that "the humours of the people were various; some wept, some laughed, and some were very reserved." Before the Prince Elector's going, the King declared to him that but for his business he was the happiest King or Prince in all Christendom, which is most true. Archbishop Laud's vindication of the right of the bishops to send out their citations in their own name, and opinion of the judges to that effect. A proclamation to be issued that the subject may be more conformable to Bishops' Courts. Lord Stanhope had petitioned the King for some reward on his resignation of his postmaster's office against his will. Sentence in the Admiralty Court in a cause between a Genoese merchant and Capt. Walter Steward. Further progress made in hearing the cause against the Bishop of Lincoln. Archbishop Laud's declaration of his unacquaintance with Kilvert, the solicitor against the bishop. The Attorney-General had remarked that it was not possible to wash the bishop clear of his private tampering with witnesses. Prynne's epigram on the branding his cheeks with S.L., made on his return from the pillory to the Tower:—

Triumphant I return! My face describes

Laud's scorching scars—God's grateful sacrifice.

S.L. Stigmata Laudis.

Stigmata maxellis bajulans, insignia Laudis,

Exultans remeo, victima grata Deo! [4 pp.]

July 6.

43. Richard Poole to Nicholas. Francis Brown, son-in-law to Mr. Burrowes, has been in two [saltpetre] deputations with him. I certify this at Brown's request. P.S.—Brown is an honest and able man. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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About.

44. Petition of Thomas Horth to the Committees for ending the differences between John Dick and petitioner. At Oatlands, on

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3rd inst., the Earl of Linlithgow and some other of the referees, at the instance of John Dick, and upon his pretence that security was given to petitioner to his liking, in the absence of petitioner ordered that he should deliver oils according to agreement, and give security for the same. Forasmuch as neither Dick, Nathaniel Edwards, nor any other for them have given security, although demanded before the ships departed, nor deposited money, and refuse to take off petitioner's adventure as his materials should be appraised by two of the Greenland merchants, or to accept of Greenland whale oil to be delivered at 16*l.* per ton, and for that the ships set out this year, which are at more charge than 600*l.* per month, can have no advice before their return to Yarmouth, his suit is that the Committees would call Dick and petitioner before them to put that business to some reasonable end. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 6.

45. Receipt of William Murray, groom of the bedchamber, for 50*l.* paid by John Savile, one of the tellers of the Exchequer, being assigned to Murray out of 300*l.* payable to Richard Erwin upon his annuity, for one year ended at Michaelmas 1636. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

July 6.

46. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 5,000*l.* paid by Rene Bailly on behalf of John Lucas, Sheriff of Essex, in part of 8,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

46. I. *Receipt of the same for 2,100*l.* paid by Sir Cranmer Harris, Sheriff of Essex, on account of ship-money from that county under writ of 20th October 1634. 26th March 1635. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

46. II. *Another receipt of the same for 346*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* paid by Sir Cranmer Harris further on account of ship-money from Essex under writ of 20th October 1634. 26th March 1635. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

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47. Similar receipt for 20*l.* paid by Rice Gwyn on behalf of James Lewis, late Sheriff of co. Cardigan, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon South Wales by writ of 4th August 1635. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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48. The like for 700*l.* paid by Robert Sleddall, on behalf of Sir Patricius Curwen, Sheriff of Cumberland, on account of ship-money charged upon that county under writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

48. I. *The like for 15*l.* paid by Peter Mowson on behalf of Ambrose Nicholson, Mayor of Carlisle, ship-money collected in the said town under writ of 20th October 1634. 14th April 1635. [1 p.]*

48. II. *The like for 180*l.* paid by Peter Mowson on behalf of Richard Barrow, Sheriff of Cumberland, on account of ship-money charged upon that county under writ of 20th October 1634. 14th April 1635. [1 p.]*

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Lords of the Admiralty to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. His Majesty approves your proposition for one of his smaller ships, or a merchant ship, and the Swan frigate, to be sent out of the fleet for Sallee, and commands us to give you order to cause a ship, with the Swan, to be supplied out of other ships of the fleet, with two months' victual, and to be hastened to Sallee, to be put under the command of Capt. Rainsborough. His Majesty likewise approves Capt. Rainsborough's stay at Sallee two months longer if he conceives there will be a probability for him to accomplish the business thereby, and you are to cause the Treasurer of the Fleet to send to Rainsborough so much money as you shall think sufficient to bear the charge of supplying his ships with fresh meat from the shore there, which it is affirmed may be easily gotten, and at reasonable rates. [Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 37 b. 1 p.]

[July 6.]

49. Richard Delamain to Sec. Windebank. Since my being with you I have been put to a great deal of travel from place to place and party to party, which I gladly underwent, that so I might not come naked before you, but give full information concerning the place which the Prince Elector moved the King in my behalf, concerning which I was told by Sir John Heydon that one of the engineers mentioned in my petition was Pierre Borre, and that he was dead, or had left the King's service, and that Mr. Burlamachi could inform me. His reply is enclosed. Thanks unto you for moving the King for me, which I will shortly report to the Prince's Highness, who I know will thank you. [1 p.] *Enclosed,*

49. I. *Certificate of Philip Burlamachi. Pierre Borre was in the King's service as one of his engineers in 1627, and about 1630 went beyond the seas, and has since remained there, and, as far as I hear say, is there settled. Dated July 6th 1627, [probably by mistake for 1637. ½ p.]*

July [7?]

50. Officers of the Mint at the Tower to the King. Report on a proposal of Thomas Bushell for setting up a mint in Wales. Whether such a proposal may be agreeable to his Majesty's service, we submit to his great wisdom. Besides payments to officers, there are many disbursements to labourers and others, necessarily incident to a mint; but if Bushell should pay yearly 100*l.* for the property of this intended mint, and so take all upon himself at adventure, his Majesty will not be informed of the state of the mint, which we esteem to be a matter of great consequence. It is further urged that mints have been ever erected in cities of great traffic, and now only in the Tower of London, as a place of honour and security, and near his Majesty and the Council, before whom the trial of the pix must be; and that it should be considered whether a mint should be erected before it be ascertained that there will be a sufficient quantity of bullion to employ the same. [1½ p.]

July 7.

Star Chamber.

51. Order of Council, on the letter of Lord Dunsmore, calendared Vol. ccclxii., No. 62. Having subscribed among the rest of the adventurers for the business of fishing, he ought to pay the money

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subscribed to Peter Richaut, treasurer of the Earl Marshal's association, without any further delay. [*Copy.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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52. Draft of the same, slightly differing from the above. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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53. Petition of inhabitants of Wigan, co Lancaster, to the Council. Wigan was made a borough in 30th Henry III. They have no other means of maintenance, save their small burgages and making pots and pans. The number of their poor is so great, as they are enforced to seek relief from others to maintain them. The former sheriff, who is a stranger to the town, taxed them at 50*l.* to the ship-money, and the present sheriff would not alter it without authority. The sum is altogether unfit and disproportionable. Pray a reference to examine the case, petitioners having paid the former sum, and being willing to do as much as their share. [1 p.]

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54. Order of the Council on the preceding petition, that Wigan shall be left out of the ship-money writ for this year, and be henceforth rated with the country in such indifferent manner as other places. [*Copy. Endorsed is a memorandum of probably what the petitioners desired, viz., a reference to the Bishop of Chester, Sir Gilbert Hoghton, Roger Downes, and Mr. Standish of Ducksbury [Dewsbury?], and that the money for the last year be spared or reduced yearly to 20*l.** $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

[July 7?]

55. Petition of inhabitants of Cranbrook, Kent, to the Council. This town and other parishes adjoining have for many hundred years past subsisted by the trade of clothing, whereby they have not only maintained themselves, but many thousands of poor people within this county and Sussex. Now, John Browne, by a commission for making brass or iron ordnance and shot, has seized upon the greatest part of such woods as were felled, and by petitioners bought, whereby the ancient trade of cloth-making is like to fall to decay. Pray the Lords to restrain Mr. Browne from seizing any woods which petitioners may buy for their necessary provision and trade, and that no furnace may be by him erected within the said parish, wood being at so great rate and of such necessity for their trade, there being many furnaces to be had for his Majesty's use in Sussex, not above 10 or 12 miles off, where cloth-making is not used and woods are more plentiful. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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56. Answer of John Browne to the preceding petition. The number of poor and the "assesses" for them in Cranbrook and its neighbourhood is much increased by reason the poor employed by them cannot live upon the wages allowed them. For that he could not supply himself with wood for his Majesty's service, he did by warrant from the Board take some wood from wood-brokers, iron-masters, and clothiers, but not all or the greatest part as alleged. He also, on request of the clothiers, restored them their wood, or sufficient for their occasions, his aim not being to prejudice the clothiers, but to restrain the wood-brokers and iron-masters, who have engrossed great part of the woods thereabouts, raising the price from 5*s.* to 11*s.*

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the cord. He only continues the use of one ancient furnace in Cranbrook. Ordnance and shot cannot be made without wood, but cloth may be made with sea-coals. In London the dyers of cloth and of far richer stuffs use nothing but sea-coal, and the inhabitants of Cranbrook may have their coals conveniently from Maidstone or Newenden. It argues ill affection to his Majesty's service to desire his founder to pull down his works, when they suffer many iron-masters and wood-brokers to buy wood without complaint, preferring a small advantage of their own to 5,000*l.* charge to the King, in the removal (as they would have it) into Sussex. It would be more convenient for the clothiers to remove into Sussex. Prays that the clothiers may use sea-coals, and that he may take wood at such price as it was at 14 years since. [1 *p.*]

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The Star
Chamber.

57. Order of the Council upon the preceding petition of the clothiers and reply of John Browne, that they will hear the said complaint on the 3rd November next. Browne is to have notice hereof, and the Officers of Ordnance also may attend. [1 *p.*]

July 7.
Dartmouth.

58. Thomas Spurwaie, Mayor of Dartmouth, and John Plumleigh to the Council. On 29th June last, Frenchmen to the number of one hundred persons and upwards, being lately taken by Dunkirkers, were brought into Torbay, where they were landed (being left altogether destitute), who, repairing unto that town, are likely there to continue burthensome. Further, the Dunkirk men of war within this year last past have, in like manner, put on shore at Torbay poor Frenchmen and others, to the number of forty or fifty at a time, to the great charge of the inhabitants, and no less disturbance of his Majesty's subjects in several places adjoining. Refer the consideration hereof to the Lords. [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

July 7.
London.

59. John Earl of Bridgewater, President of the Council of Wales, to the same. Report on a reference of a business concerning Henry Lort. The complaint was that Lort had exported corn to foreign parts. The Earl does not find any evidence of it, save that in 1629 he transported corn into Ireland. Roger Lort confesses that his father exported corn in two barks, one to Bristol and one to Beaumaris, but proved that the markets of Pembroke and Tenby were well supplied by him, and that the corn sent away was out of his overplus, he having more corn than the country would buy of him, and it is demanded what should become of it if he might not export it. No corn has been exported since the Lord Treasurer's warrant. There is other evidence upon the subject in the country, Lort imagining the business would have been examined at Ludlow, but the certifiers press that it may be determined here. [1½ *p.*]

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Entry on the Admiralty Register of the appearance before the Lords of Robert Rigge. He was ordered to attend until discharged. [*See Vol. cccliii., fol. 38.* ½ *p.*]

July 7.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. William Rainsborough. Have acquainted his Majesty with your letter from Saltee Roads of

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20th May last, and likewise with the articles of peace agreed upon between you on behalf of his Majesty, and the Saint of Old Sallee. His Majesty approves what you have done, and has given order to the Earl of Northumberland to send you one of the ships belonging to the fleet, with the Swan frigate, and likewise order and money to supply your fleet with victuals, whereby to lengthen your stay there two months longer. We much marvel that the pinnaces were not arrived at Sallee before the date of your letter, they being gone out of the Thames in April last. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 38. ½ p.*]

July 7.
The Triumph,
in the Downs.

60. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Windebank. Now that by your letter of the 6th inst. I understand his Majesty's intention, I purpose to despatch the captain away, with directions not to engage in a dispute, nor to use any violence to compel the Dutchmen to take the licences, but fairly to intimate to them the occasion of his being there, and overland to give you notice of his success. If they should prove obstinate he is to repair hither again. Two days before I went over to the coast of Holland to wait upon the Prince Elector, I received from Mr. Gerbier an advertisement of some ill-affected persons to this state, who had a purpose to transport themselves from Flanders into England, and therefore he desired me to give warrant to the captains of those vessels under my charge that used those parts not to receive any on board without a private pass from him. Though by this letter I did not understand anything of the business, yet I was careful to give order as desired. Yesterday Cole, a post, wrote me word that, notwithstanding this order, Capt. Buller has admitted aboard his frigate these prohibited persons, which, if it be true, deserves severe punishment. To prevent their landing I sent out three ships several ways to meet him in his passage betwixt Dunkirk and England, and to command him to come to me, not suffering any in his frigate to land. What design these men can have I am not able to guess. I hope Mr. Gerbier apprehends more danger than there is cause for. A poor man came yesterday to me to complain that his bark was lately taken by a sloop of Calais, as he was going for Dunkirk under the protection of Capt. Buller's frigate; he blames Buller very much, but I have not yet heard what Buller can say. This poor man desired your favour, but I could give him very little hope of the recovery of his goods. [*2½ pp.*]

July 7.
Lambeth.

61. Archbishop Laud to Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh. Your kindness has put me into great arrear; I have received three letters from you and have not returned one. The truth is, I was never so tired with a term in my life, and we have yet three days to come in the Star Chamber. It was news that they of Sallee were setting forty sail to sea, and that they were prevented by the coming of Capt. Rains[borough]. 'Tis great pity some way should not be thought on to stay him there till it be nearer Michaelmas. I perceive by this that it will be no hard matter, if the King please, to make them of Sallee understand themselves. The beginning of

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your letter puts me in mind of a poor man, yet a friend of yours, concerning whom you told me that he was the only man that spoke truth in court. For there you tell a story of a wise king and a wise man that came to him, and an honest withal, who left others to tell the news that was bad; after you apply the story and tell me that the weather is too cold (as warm as it is) for honesty nakedly to profess itself, that season being usually as short as a summer in Muscovia, and will easily grow cold if it find not some art to cover it. I will make bold to tell that court acquaintance what he wants, and advise him to clothe it with art or somewhat else against a cold season. And if he be not too old, he will take good heed of that which you have mentioned in so ingenious a way. I am of opinion that if those who have letters of marque are allowed to take goods out of Dutch bottoms it will destroy the King's customs at Dover, and so I declared myself where it was proper to speak. I hope that business is settled. For Nuesman [?] 'tis he should be punished, but that belongs to the Lords of the Admiralty. I hope you have written to some of them about it. I am sorry to hear that pinnaces will be wanting at Sallee, especially such as may serve to take the small boats there; but more a great deal that the pinnaces you have are so ill goers, and that the King loses both his money and business by the want of art of those who think they have enough, which opinion of "enough!" implies very many things bad enough. I will not fail to acquaint his Majesty with this. I am glad the Prince Elector had [a safe] passage, especially considering what befell his topsails, and that [water came in] at the lower ports. That which you tell me under the rose will remain safe, lest I should offend against your apologue of your wise king and his good man. But to say truth I would it had been p, since it might so easily have been done. [*Modern copy made from an original among the Conway papers.* 1 p.]

July 7. 62. Modern abstract of the same letter made from the original. This and the preceding article are in the handwriting of the late Mr. Thomas Crofton Croker. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

July 7. 63. Answer of Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells, to petition of Sir Francis Popham, respecting the right of presentation to Buckland St. Mary, Somerset, calendared Vol. ccclxii., No. 114. Gilbert, Bishop of Bath and Wells, collated John Bowbeare to the rectory of Buckland St. Mary on 24th January 1579, it being then void by the death of Richard Batty, the last incumbent, the same appertaining to the bishop's donation "*jure sibi devoluto*" without mention of lapse. Bowbeare was the last incumbent. He died in the beginning of February last. The bishop took the opinions of Serjeant Glanville and Dr. Duck, who stated that if he collated upon that title, the collatee would enjoy the rectory for this turn, and could not be put out by *quare impedit*, but the patron's remedy was to bring his writ of advowson. Hereupon the bishop collated his son William Pierce, not for the value, it being only 100*l.* per annum, but for the goodness of the air, his son being of a

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sickly constitution. The bishop disputes Sir Francis Popham's assertion that he is the undoubted patron, because he has no manor there, but only a "quillet" of land not worth about 40s. or 3*l.* *per annum*. Also denies that Sir Francis's predecessors ever presented to this benefice, and that the bishop's predecessor collated by lapse, and that what he has done tends to the prejudice of Sir Francis's inheritance, for he may bring his writ of right. Refuses to yield to Sir Francis's suggestion to have his right referred, but if Sir Francis will not trouble the bishop's son, and will show his right upon his bringing his writ of right, the bishop will confess it without further suit. Prays the archbishop therefore to allow them both to proceed to a trial of law. [*5½ pp.*]

July 7. 64. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

July 8. 65. Warrant to pay 94*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* to Francis Witherid, surveyor of
Westminster. his Majesty's stables, for new planking the stables at Sheen, against the going thither of his Majesty's great horses, as also for repair of the coach-house, farrier's forge, garner, haybarns, and riding-house. [*Strip of parchment. 12 lines.*]

July 8. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords
London House. of the Admiralty. Sign saltpetremen's deputations; also estimates sent by Officers of the Navy. There attends the Lords Mr. Rigge, sent for on complaint of Mr. Edisbury. Consider Sir Henry Marten's report concerning the Marshal's place of Ireland, and touching ferriage there. Peruse letters from Officers of the Navy and Sir Henry Marten. Consider a paper presented by Capt. Pett to the King concerning launching the great ship, and bringing the Prince into dock at Woolwich; upon which paper his Majesty has written his pleasure. Despatch three or four petitions, in regard the Lords are not likely to meet again suddenly. The Committee appointed to examine the state of the Chest at Chatham have returned certificates to the Lords. Consider Mr. Evelyn's petition. The Earl of Portland presents a petition of inhabitants of the Isle of Wight, with an inventory of the Turkish vessel stayed at Hurst, and sold since at an undervalue. The Earl also desires to know whether the bond taken of the merchant that had the Turks shall be put in suit. [*See this present Volume, No. 2. ½ p.*]

July 8. Commissioners for Gunpowder to the King. Report upon the
London House. accounts of Mr. Evelyn as manufacturer of gunpowder for the King from April 1621 to May 1635, with reference to the objections made thereto by the Officers of the Ordnance. The Officers objected that he had brought in 1480 lasts less than the quantity stipulated by his contract. He showed that the petremen had failed in their deliveries to him of 700 lasts, that he had supplied the counties by warrants with 131 lasts, and that he had sold 609 lasts, as allowed by his contract on failure of payment. The Officers called upon him to account for 2,000*l.* imprested in 1624. He answered that on renewing his contract a reduction of payment for the gunpowder was stipulated, which he consented to on the terms of not being

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called upon to repay that 2,000*l*. Lastly, it appeared that he had delivered 47 lasts 7 cwt. of gunpowder made out of his own saltpetre, over and above what he had made from the King's saltpetre. [*Copy. See Vol. ccxcii., p. 61. 2½ pp.*]

July 8. Order of the Commissioners for Gunpowder. The saltpetre-makers, London House. upon taking their new deputations, desired that the Commissioners would order that their petre might be received into his Majesty's store as they bring it in, and duly weighed once a week or a fortnight, to the end that they may be paid for the same according to covenant. It was ordered that his Majesty's gunpowder-maker and the clerk appointed to weigh his Majesty's saltpetre take order that such saltpetre should be received and weighed accordingly. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 63. ½ p.*]

July 8. 66. Petition of John Reston, [deputy-] keeper of his Majesty's prison at Dover, to the Lords of the Admiralty. By warrant from the said Lords to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, command was given for imprisoning 17 Frenchmen upon suspicion of piracy, and thereupon the Lord Warden gave directions to the Mayor and Jurats of Dover for their safe keeping, who, by their warrant of 9th July 1636, required petitioner to take into his custody the said Frenchmen, which he did, and kept 15 of them for 7 months at his own charge. These Frenchmen had two shallops furnished with ammunition, which were sold to John Jacob, sergeant to the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports, in whose hands the money remains. Prays that the sergeant make payment to petitioner for the diet and charges of the prisoners. [*¾ p.*] *Underwritten,*

66. 1. "*The Lords conceive this concerns the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and therefore think not fit to meddle in it. London House, 8th July 1637.*" [*¼ p.*]

July 8. 67. Petition of Robert Rigge, of Fareham, to the same. The Officers of the Navy, upon false suggestions of James Robins, his Majesty's purveyor, required satisfaction from petitioner touching the matters complained of. Their letter came to petitioner on 18th June at Greenwich, upon sight whereof he repaired to Sir William Russell and answered him. Petitioner stayed in London till 29th June, and then repaired to his dwelling 60 miles hence, but he had hardly been at home four days when he was sent for by a messenger, in whose custody he remains. Believes Robins waited his opportunity to cause petitioner to be fetched up as soon as he came home, and that he complains for mere vexation, to keep petitioner from the assizes held on Thursday next, at which he knows petitioner has business, and may by his absence suffer 300*l*. or 400*l*. damages. Prays a speedy hearing, or reference to Capt. Towerson, the Vice-Admiral who lives at Portsmouth. [*1 p.*]

July 8. 68. Petition of Edward Stevens, shipwright, to the Lords of the Admiralty. About 12 months sithence petitioner having 23 masts at Blackwall, he offered them for sale to the Officers of the Navy,

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and such masts being very scarce, after inspection by Peter Pett, his Majesty's shipwright at Deptford, and Robert Clements, mast-maker, who certified their goodness, the officers purchased them at 284*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, to be paid upon delivery of the masts. Petitioner states that he had made numerous applications to Sir William Russell, who put him off from time to time, and now denies to pay. Prays relief. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

68. I. *Direction that Sir William Russell should send the Lords an answer in writing. London House, 8th July [1637].* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

68. II. *Answer of Sir William Russell. He refused to pay petitioner. I. Because he was in Cambridgeshire when the masts were contracted for, and was noways privy to the contract. II. Petitioner bought these masts with other goods, and his profit is near 200*l.* on that parcel, which is not fit to be allowed. III. Sir William tendered him his masts again or to reduce the price, which he would not do. IV. Of all sorts of masts, these, being Norway masts, are the worst. V. Sir William might have been blamed if he had readily paid him, after he had informed himself of the great gain he had made. VI. Such masts may easily be had, and are the worse for keeping.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

July 8. Minute of the above petition, and copy of the reference on the same. [*See Vol. cccliii., fol. 40 b.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

July 8. 69. John Basford to the [Council]. On Tuesday, 28th March, I received my despatch, and on Saturday I had my letter of credit, and that night went to Rye, where till Monday night I stayed for a wind. On that day Paul Greensmith, his Majesty's searcher, desired to see my pass. Being in Latin he did not understand it, but demanded my name, and took sixpence for his fee as searcher, and a groat for town dues. That night the wind became fair, and aboard I went. At the last moment, Greensmith and Porter, the searchers, seized my male. I begged them to forbear, assuring them that the contents were letters of state for his Majesty's ambassadors in France and Italy, yet they violently carried my male ashore, which compelled me to follow. At the Custom House they pressed me to open it, yet did not find anything but what I have mentioned, except some pieces of eight and gardecues for my expenses on my journey. Detaining the contents, and having searched my person, they consulted with Bambridge, clerk of the passes, who had formerly said that I had an old pass of Lord Fielding's, whereupon they resolved to hinder my passage, and, alleging that they had authority to detain me for the number of my letters, would render nothing without my Lord Treasurer's warrant. I forthwith returned to London and obtained it; but on my going back to Rye they answered that his lordship might dispose of his Majesty's part, but of theirs he could not, so I was constrained a second time to return for his Majesty's order. I pray you to consider this detention, I

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having been many years in his Majesty's service in sundry foreign parts, and compel the searchers and clerk to render me satisfaction. [2 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]

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London.

70. Sir James Bagg to Nicholas. The Lords' directions for seizing a frigate of St. Sebastian, commanded by Francisco Barnardo, with forty persons in her (see 22nd June) are obeyed, but the gaoler will be scrupulous to receive the crew, for the number is many, and no allowance given for their relief. I entreat you to move the Lords for warrant to the sheriff and justices, that such provision may be made for them, and others of that nature hereafter, as is ordained for thieves or felons on shore, and likewise that they will order commissions of Oyer and Terminer for Devon and Cornwall for the speedy trial of them and others. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

July 8.
Whitbourne.

71. Bishop Coke, of Hereford, to Archbishop Laud. Since my last to your grace, I have received the enclosed complaint from Mr. Dean's registrar, whom he appointed by your direction to execute the office for the exempts at his visitation. You may see the boldness of this registrar, Lawrence, who, notwithstanding the reference of this whole business to you, is yet full of trouble and threatening, and so much more will he be in his place, if he be suffered to go on without curb. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

71. I. *Allegations by Pauncefoot Wall concerning the registrars of the diocese of Hereford.* 1. *Notwithstanding the archbishop's letter to the bishop, Fitzwilliam Lawrence has threatened to prosecute me at common law for executing the place of registrar throughout the exempts during your present visitation.* 2. *Both the registrars caused the writer to be arrested and put in security to answer them at common law this term. He has offered a reference, which they refuse.* 3. *Mr. Lawrence came into the bishop's court, holden the 17th June, and told the writer, in a proud braving manner, that he was but his deputy, and that he expected the accounts of this visitation.* 4. *Upon the visitation of the peculiars there came in a churchwarden and sidesman, who alleged that they had been cited, and paid their fees to the other registrars.* 5. *Since the visitation of the cathedral, Mr. Lawrence has taxed the writer "for not enacting that bold tender" of Lawrence to become your registrar, and threatens to disgrace him.* [1 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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72. Case of the Master and Warden of the shipwrights of Redrith [Rotherhithe] against Thomas Mayden and William Hooke, shipwrights, who refuse to belong to the said corporation of shipwrights, or to take the oath required by them not to serve any foreign prince, on the ground that they are members of an ancient brotherhood entitled the Free Shipwrights of London. The prejudicial results of allowing this objection are in this case submitted to the Lords of the Admiralty. [1 $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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73. Case of the before-named Thomas Mayden and William Hooke in opposition to the claims of the shipwrights of Rotherhithe. They state that proceedings had been formerly taken against them in Chancery by the shipwrights of Rotherhithe, and against John Mutley, another member of the shipwrights of London, for enforcing obedience to the corporation of Rotherhithe, all which had failed. [1½ p.]

July 8. Lords of the Admiralty to [the Keeper of the Marshalsea]. To London House. set at liberty Rice Thomas, late master gunner of the Tenth Whelp. [Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 38 b. ½ p.]

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74. Account by Sir William Russell of ship-money in arrear under writs issued in August 1635. Total, 9,205*l.* 9*s.* 2½*d.*, with under-written memorandum of Nicholas, which reduces the amount to 6,205*l.* [1 p.]

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75. Similar account of the ship-money received and in arrear under writs issued in August 1636. Total received, 139,526*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*; in arrear, 57,073*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.* [1 p.]

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76. Account of ship-money levied and remaining in the hands of the sheriffs under writs issued in October 1636. Total, 8,953*l.*, making, with the 139,526*l.* above mentioned, 148,479*l.* collected. [1 p.]

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77. Certificates of witnesses against Robert Rigge, undertaker on the part of the county of Hants for the carriage of 1,000 loads of timber to the water-side at Fareham, at 3*s.* 4*d.* per load. He is accused of having detained from the carters 4*d.* on every load. That his servants, bringing timber to Ware's Ash, were commanded by James Robins, the purveyor, to carry it to the water-side, but they refused, alleging their master's direction, so that it will cost his Majesty as much more to bring it from Ware's Ash to the water's edge. His servants also cut the long timber against Robins's order. The Officers of the Navy hired a yard of Widow West, of Busselden, for putting the timber in for safety, but Rigge forbade the workmen to put it there. He was also charged with not repairing the bridge at Fareham Quay, which he is bound to do, he taking quayage. Besides detaining the 4*d.* per load, as before mentioned, he is charged with desiring to have the King's price paid to him, against which it is contended that if he be allowed to lay the timber where he will, the King's price will not suffice to carry it where it ought to be. [2¾ pp.]

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78. Certificate of Anthony Kirle and John Clutterbuck, that it was acknowledged the three quantities of saltpetre in question on Richardson's account had been delivered respectively to Mr. Evelyn, Thomas Moore, and Walter Hill. [½ p.]

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79. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

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July 9.
Greenwich.

80. The King to Bishop Mainwaring, of St. David's. Among the cares that attend the princely office, that of the Church has ever had the first place, whereupon we, well weighing what havoc has been made of it, and the goodly endowments thereof in former times, and what great inconveniences must arise, both to Church and commonwealth, if the authority of bishops be not supported as it ought, which cannot be if their means of livelihood be taken away, and being informed that the rectory of Kerry, co. Montgomery, is a lease of good value belonging to the bishopric of St. David's, and that the rectory of Glascomb, co. Radnor, is likewise held by lease from the said bishopric, we think it fitting that both those rectories, after the expiration of the several leases, be for ever kept in the hands of the bishop for the time being, or disposed of for his use; all leases granted by any bishop determining upon his leaving the see. [*Copy. Archbishop Laud has stated in the endorsement that "Dr. Mainwaring, the bishop, submitted to this by his letters, October 16th 1637."* 1½ p.]

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81. Petition of Bishop Williams, of Lincoln, to the King. Two informations have been prosecuted by your Attorney-General in the Star Chamber against petitioner, one of which is ready for sentence by the Lords, before whom petitioner acknowledges to have had a just and honourable hearing. Petitioner, not relying upon his defence, nor holding himself safe in anything but your Majesty's mercy and goodness, beseeches your Majesty to take a representation of his cause from those Lords who have heard the same, and yourself to be his judge therein, not leaving him to a public sentence. [*3/4 p.*]

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Greenwich.

82. Order of the King in Council. Recites order of the Board of the 2nd inst., that William Willis and John Collins, the two drawmen [draymen] who ran their cart against the coach of the Earl of Exeter, should be indicted and whipped through the town. Also that the said persons were indicted, but that the jury, contrary to the testimony of four witnesses, had acquitted them. It is ordered that they shall be presently whipped publicly through the town, as well for their bold and insolent carriage towards the said Earl as for an example to others, and after their whipping be committed to Bridewell, to be kept at work until further order. [*Copy. 2 pp.*]
Underwritten,

82. I. *Certificate that Willis and Collins were on the 12th inst. whipped at a cart, and afterwards committed to Bridewell.* [*Copy. 3/4 p.*]

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83. Another copy of the preceding order, with the certificate underwritten. [*In the whole, 1 p.*]

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Petition of Dame Mary Croft, widow, to the King. John Bowen, of Carmarthen, being trusted with receipt of petitioner's revenue, refused to give an account or to pay the money, whereupon she was forced to a suit in Chancery, and 965*l.* was decreed unto her, and

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upon his refusal to pay he is committed to the Fleet, where he continues still obstinate, for which he is fined by that court 1,000*l*. As petitioner is still without her money, and Bowen, having been five times an under-sheriff, is a man of ability to pay, she beseeches his Majesty to bestow the said fine of 1,000*l*. upon her. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 125. ¾ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *His Majesty bestowing the said fine upon petitioner, the Attorney-General is to prepare a bill accordingly. Greenwich, 9th July 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 126. ¼ p.]*

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Petition of Mic[hael] Oldisworth to the King. It was represented to your Majesty in Trinity Term, from petitioner by Sec. Windebank, that the Prince suffered in his revenue, for that very inconsiderable accounts were made for felons' goods, deodands, &c., within the stannaries of Devon and Cornwall, and that upon a grant of the same to petitioner for 31 years, he would pay your Majesty 10*l*. per annum, which sum had not been brought in for seven years together. Your Majesty made a grant accordingly. Now, William Marrott, of Blisland, Cornwall, in April became *felo de se*, whose goods are seized upon by the Deputy Almoner and [the relict]. Petitioner prays his Majesty to signify that the said goods may be kept, so that an account thereof may be made to petitioner in case upon a just trial they shall be found to belong to him. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 126. 1¼ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *Minute of his Majesty's pleasure, that the said goods remain in the hands of the Deputy Almoner and relict until it be adjudged whether they belong unto the Great Almoner or the petitioner, and that all other goods of the said Marrott shall be forthwith seized upon by the Deputy Almoner. Greenwich, 9th July 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 126. ½ p.]*

July 9.

Petition of Sir Richard Weston to the same. Your Majesty granted a warrant for a patent to petitioner for 14 years for sole making Castile and Venice soap in England, since which there has been direction given that a proviso should be inserted for your Majesty to revoke the patent if you find it inconvenient, and that petitioner have no power to transport beyond seas. Petitioner beseeches that the said proviso may be omitted, for the soap requiring a greater stock than petitioner is able to disburse, others will be discouraged to adventure upon such an uncertainty; and if there should be a restraint to transport, the hope of your Majesty's profit by foreign vent were quite taken away. Prays that the Attorney-General may proceed according to his former warrant. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 130. 1¼ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *The Attorney-General is to prepare the grant without any proviso of revocation or clause for restraint of transportation. Greenwich, 9th July 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 131. 1½ p.]*

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84. Thomas Bushell, his Majesty's servant, to the King. Understanding that your Majesty has granted a mint for Ireland, as well as your predecessors have allowed of mints at Durham, Bristol, and Kidwelly Castle, Bushell states seven reasons why a mint in Wales may prove of great consequence to the King, both by way of honour and profit. The mines worked by Sir Hugh Middleton were drowned by water, but Bushell had discovered how to drain them by way of adit. The quantity of silver was stated to be considerable, and in all mines the deeper they go, it was alleged, that the richer the miner finds the ore to be. The charge of sending up the bullion to the mint, with the great charge of the miners in digging, were stated to have undone Sir Hugh Middleton, the poverty of the people in that country disabling them from maintaining any work that did not make them a present return. Thousands had thus been kept from adventuring on those hopeful mountains, where doubtless a mass of treasure lies covered. A mint in Wales would afford the requisite encouragement. Bushell anticipated the separation of 300*l.* of silver weekly out of ore, wherefore he prayed the allowance of a mint at the castle of Aberystwith. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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85. A more precise statement of Thomas Bushell's proposal for setting up a mint in Wales. He proposed to establish it in the castle of Aberystwith at his own charge, paying the King his mintage at the same rate as the Tower of London, and presenting to the privy purse every new year's tide a wedge of silver containing 100*l.* sterling, provided he be discharged of all accounts concerning the profit of the mint, except for answering as to the fineness and weight of the silver coined. He will give the King a clear tenth of all silver wrought in Wales, and will not coin bullion found elsewhere; and whenever the King shall think the mines fit to be taken into his own hands, he will lay them at his feet. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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86. Order of the King in Council. After full debate and explanation by Bushell himself of his above proposal, and the previous reference to the officers of the mint (see No. 50), it was resolved that the suggested mint at Aberystwith should be erected at Bushell's expense; the same to be regulated by Sir William Parkhurst, warden of the mint, and Bushell to make a yearly account of the profits belonging to his Majesty, with other regulations in conformity with Bushell's proposals. The Attorney-General was to prepare the necessary bill for his Majesty's signature. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 9.

Petition of James Weimis to the King. Petitioner sets forth a variety of claims upon the bounty of his Majesty, and being in fear of being cast into prison by his creditors, calls to remembrance a bill of disbursements of 1,100*l.*, besides various other claims, and prays that he be not in a worse estate than the "mackannikest" [mechanicalest?] man that serves the King, as he has these seven years without receiving one penny, which will redound to his utter ruin if his Majesty take not a speedy way for payment of his debts, which

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amount to above 2,000*l.* [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 132. 1 p.*]
Underwritten,

1. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer, who, making such abatements as he shall find fit, is to give order for a privy seal for speedy payment. Greenwich, 9th July 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 133. ¼ p.]*

[July 9.] Commencement of petition of Knightley Duffield, of Medmenham, Bucks, to the King. It was the misfortune of petitioner, about the 8th June, to kill William Tibbet, for which he has been arraigned before the judges of the King's Bench. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 133. ¼ p.*]

July 9. Petition of the Commissioners for Exacted Fees and Innovations in Offices to the same. Having spent many years in inquiry, and, amongst others, in examination of the fees taken by Sir Robert Ousley, who has the office of engrossing letters patent, and his great exactions being ready to be certified to your Majesty, to the end he may be proceeded with as other delinquents have been, Sir Robert has now upon two untrue suggestions (that he has taken no other fees than his predecessors, and that he has given the commissioners satisfaction of his honesty and fair dealing) obtained from your Majesty a reference for settling his fees for the time to come, which the commissioners conceive to be both prejudicial to your Majesty and the subject, and a great injury to the commissioners. Pray your Majesty to let this cause take its ordinary proceedings, and if for the future you shall grant any reference in the like kind, first to receive information from the commissioners of the nature of the cause. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 135. 1½ p.*] *Underwritten,*

1. *His Majesty revokes the former reference in behalf of Sir Robert Ousley, and leaves the cause to the ordinary proceedings. [Copy. Ibid., p. 136. ¼ p.]*

July 9. Lords of the Admiralty to Algernon Earl of Northumberland.
 Greenwich. The ambassador extraordinary for the French King, being to repair to France, is to be transported thither. You are to give order to the captain of one of his Majesty's ships to attend at Dover to receive the ambassador with his train, and to transport them to Dieppe. P.S.—If the Queen's almoner be at Dieppe when the French ambassador arrives there, the said captain is to bring him to England and his followers. [*Copy. See Vol. ccclviii., fol. 38 b. ½ p.*]

July 9. The same to the same. Send copy certificate presented by the
 Greenwich. owners of the Concord, of Drogheda, lately taken by some vessel of Calais in her passage towards Dunkirk, being under the convoy of Capt. Buller, of the Nicodemus, by which you may perceive how unworthy the said captain is (if it be as affirmed) to command any vessel of his Majesty's. This carriage of the captain is so foul as we cannot pass it by, and therefore we pray you to examine and send up the said Capt. Buller, and to put some man of more courage and ability to take charge of the said vessel, and if you have

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received any further relation of this fact, we pray you to send it to us. His Majesty, being very sensible of the boldness of this vessel of Calais, has commanded us to signify to you to apprehend as many of the ships of that town as you can meet with, and to bring them in to some of his Majesty's [ports] to answer the said insolency. We wish you for the future to take order that there be a sufficient convoy sent to accompany such small frigates when they are employed to waft any ships, to prevent the dishonour of their being beaten or taken. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 39. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]

[July 9?] 87. Petition of Robert Rigge to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner being, upon the unjust complaint of James Robins, his Majesty's purveyor, detained in custody of a messenger, presented his petition on Saturday last, and showed the great damage that might fall upon him by his absence from the assizes (see No. 67). Besides this he has great store of husbandry to look after, by reason whereof he keeps twenty household servants, whose negligence in the approaching harvest may greatly endanger him; and if he should be detained, there may be danger to his life, by the contagious disease now raging. As he hopes to gain the good esteem of the Lords, and to clear himself of the complaints of Robins, he prays a reference to some justices of the county, or his liberty upon bond till some day in Michaelmas term. [*Endorsed by Nicholas as received on the 10th inst., but see the next article. 1 p.*]

July 9.
Greenwich.

The Lords of the Admiralty to the Justices of Peace for Hants. On complaint of Robert Rigge, undertaker for carriage of timber for the Navy, James Robins, purveyor for the Navy, is bound over to appear at your sessions touching payment for the said carriage. Rigge has much prejudiced his Majesty's service, wherefore we desire you to take order that he be not fully paid for the carriage till he bring a certificate from the Officers of the Navy, or from the purveyor, that the service is performed. The King's price shall be paid as you direct; but Rigge has not produced any order from you that he is to have the same over and above the 3s. 4d. a load, for which he contracted to perform the service. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 39 b. $\frac{5}{6}$ p.*]

July 9.

88. A statement of the proceedings up to this time of the New Corporation [of Tradesmen and Artificers], with an account of the difficulties they experience for want of sufficient powers under their charter, with underwritten petition of Christopher Lewkenor that his Majesty would provide against these hindrances, most whereof would, if truly examined, appear to be but mere shadows. [1 p.]

July 9.

89. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 32*l.* paid by Owen Davies on behalf of Foulke Salisbury, bailiff of Denbigh, in part of 4,000*l.* charged upon North Wales by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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90. Similar receipt for 644*l.* paid by Thomas Price, sheriff of co. Cardigan, in part of 5,000*l.* charged upon South Wales by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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91. Certificate of the performance, by James Wheller and John Frye, of penance enjoined them by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, for that they, being the late churchwardens of the parish of Beckington, omitted to execute the command of the bishop to remove the communion table in the chancel of the church of Beckington, and to place it close under the east wall of the said chancel, in the same manner as the communion table stands in the cathedral church in Wells, and to remove the seats placed above the table. Wheller and Frye stood excommunicated for their contempt for one year, and likewise some days last past stood aggravated, and had been signified to the King for apprehending their bodies, and committing them to the common gaol of Somerset. Upon their submission the reverend father absolved them, and enjoined them to repeat an acknowledgment of their offences, which is here set forth, in their parish church on 25th June 1637, in the church of Frome Selwood on the 2nd July inst., and in the church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Bath, on this day. The performance of the penance in the several churches before mentioned is attested by the clergyman, churchwardens, and one other person of each parish. [*Attested copy.* 3 pp.]

July 10.
Westminster.

92. The King to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London. We understand that upon choice of the commons of the city you have sent for up and press to serve sheriff of the city Sir William Calley, above 72 years of age, who left the city 30 years since, and is so infirm as noways able to perform that office, having, in respect of age, lately obtained leave to resign an office of much easier execution which he held in our service. Our will is that you make choice of some other person who has not so many just reasons to be exempted; and we will that you free him without any fine. [*Copy.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 10.

93. Draft of the above, over which Lord Cottington has written his attestation of the age of Sir William Calley, with other particulars. [1 p.]

July 10.
Reading.

94. Report of Sir Humphrey Davenport and Sir William Jones, justices of assize for Berks, to the Council, upon a reference made to them on the 17th May last (*see Vol. ccclvi., No. 87*), as to whether the parish of Sunninghill should be rated as a sixth part or a tenth part of the hundred of Cookham. After statement of all the orders of magistrates and quarter sessions upon this subject, many of which have been mentioned before in the notices of previous papers upon this subject, the referees determined that Sunninghill should pay a sixth and not a tenth part of all rates assessed upon the said hundred. [= 2½ pp.]

July 10.

Sir Henry Marten to the Lords of the Admiralty. I have perused the grant of the office of Water-bailiff of Ireland, formerly made to William Ellesworth, and am of opinion that anchorage, beaconage or portage, and ballastage are fit to be put in petitioner's grant, the

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rather because petitioner is already quietly possessed of them by his present grant, and his predecessor, the said Ellesworth, enjoyed the same for his time. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 39 b. ½ p.*]
Underwritten,

- i. *Reference to Sir Henry Marten, to cause the grant of the said office to be passed to Robert Smith, the present marshal and water-bailiff of Ireland. Whitehall, 10th July 1637. [Copy. Ibid., fol. 40. ⅙ p.]*

July 10.
 Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Henry Marten. We have considered your report concerning the differences between the Company of Shipwrights and Thomas Mayden and William Hooke, whose several cases you have sent unto us. You have been long well acquainted with the said business, and know of what importance it is to have the shipwrights kept under government, which was the ground of the grant made to the company at Rotherhithe. We pray you to consider both the said cases which we return to you, and either to determine the same, or send us your opinion that we may take order therein. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 40 b. ½ p.*]

July 10.
 Whitehall.

The same to the same. The privilege of appointing ferry-boats in Ireland belongs to the Admiralty of England, and patents have been granted thereof by the Lord Admirals. Upon suit of Edward Nicholas, we have conferred on him and his deputies the said office, and pray you to cause a grant of the same to be made, to hold during his Majesty's pleasure, with all fees belonging to the same. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 41. ½ p.*]

July 10.
 Whitehall.

The same to the Officers of the Navy. It is his Majesty's pleasure that the great ship building at Woolwich shall be launched about the 25th September next, and that the Prince shall be brought from Chatham to Woolwich, to be a help to raising sheers to set the great ship's masts, and then to be had into dock at Woolwich. We pray you to take order accordingly. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 41. ½ p.*]

July 10.
 Whitehall.

The same to the same. By letter of 20th March last, we gave order to make sale of a Turkish frigate, then in the King's yard at Portsmouth. We pray you to certify whether you have sold the same, and where the money proceeding from the sale is, and how the masts, sails, ordnance, and gunners' stores have been disposed of for his Majesty's service. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 41 b. ½ p.*]

July 10.

95. Sir Henry Marten and Attorney-General Bankes to [the Lords of the Admiralty]. Report on a petition of the mayor and others of Bristol and the certificate of the late Attorney-General Noy. We are of opinion that if his Majesty grant power that the mayor, recorder, and aldermen of the said city, associated with one learned in the civil law, may have cognition of pleas belonging to the Admiralty, and hold a court weekly to hear the same, and make execution thereupon, so as his Majesty's Great [High?] Admiral and the Judge of the Admiralty may come there as often as they will

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concerning the same pleas, and so as liberty be left to any party aggrieved to appeal to the High Court of Admiralty, the same will further common justice and navigation, as Mr. Noy formerly certified; but we conceive it fit that the former power of exemption granted to the mayor and others, excluding the High Admiral from intermeddling within the city, should be surrendered. [1¼ p.]

July 10.

96. Copy of the above, with an appended note by Sir Henry Marten, dated 31st October 1637, that when a grant to this effect is drawn and he shall have perused it, he shall conceive it fit to pass under the Great Seal. [1¼ p.]

July 10.

97. Petition of Philip White, engineer, to the Lords of the Admiralty. His Majesty, by letters patent of 5th February 1628, granted to Sir George Douglas power for recovering gold, silver, ordnance, and other things out of the sea, reserving to his Majesty one-tenth part of the profit. Afterwards Sir George transferred his interest in the said patent to Robert, now Earl of Ancram, who has deputed petitioner to perform the said work. Prays warrant to the vice-admirals and other officers to be aiding to petitioner in the execution of the said letters patent. *Underwritten,*

97. I. *Reference to Sir Henry Marten to send his opinion thereof. Whitehall, 10th July 1637. [1 p.] Annexed,*

97. II. *Sir Henry Marten to the Lords of the Admiralty. Report on the above reference. Thinks the patent defective in not treating things to be recovered under it as droits of the Admiralty, but advises the Lords to assist the patentees for the present, upon caution that next term they will rectify all things that are amiss. 13th July 1637. [½ p.]*

97. III. *Order of the Lords of the Admiralty, that upon the petitioner's giving caution in the Admiralty, according to Sir Henry Marten's report, the Lords will give letters of assistance as desired. 24th July 1637.*

July 10.

Minute of the above petition, with copy of the reference on the same. [See Vol. cccliii., fol. 40 b. ½ p.]

July 10.

98. Petition of Edward Stevens, shipwright, to the Lords of the Admiralty. About 10 years since a decree was sued out in Chancery by petitioner's late father and others against the Company of Shipwrights, for debts by the company to them owing, of which there remains betwixt 50*l.* and 55*l.* still unsatisfied. In 1634 the company petitioned the Lords to authorize them to impose a fine on the most able shipwrights towards the debt, which the Lords granted, and the fine is imposed, and much money besides for tonnage and other payments has been since received, and yet petitioner remains unsatisfied. Taylor, a shipwright, has 10*l.*, part of the moneys decreed in Chancery, remaining in his hands, and the company has half a year's tonnage due at Midsummer last to receive. Prays that he may receive Taylor's moneys and the tonnage due and such

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moneys as shall grow due to the company until he be satisfied.
[$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

98. I. *Let the master, wardens, and assistants of the company answer to the above in writing. Whitehall, 10th July 1637.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

July 10. Minute of the above petition, with copy of the reference to the same. [See Vol. cccliii., fol. 40. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

July 10. Nicholas to Sir William Monson. Minute of letter similar to that sent to Lord Dunsmore, on the 1st of June, for payment of 100*l.*, his adventure in the fishing business. [See *Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 151.*]

July 10. The same to George Gage. Minute of similar letter. [See *Ibid., p. 151.*]

July 10. 99. Sir John Pennington to Nicholas. The two Princes, the Lords, and the principal of their trains went over in the St. George, and all the rest in the Vanguard, and our Admiral and as many of us as were there went along with them, and brought them safe on the Holland coast, to the entering into Gaweres [Goree's] Gat, and there took a loud leave with our guns, for it blew so much wind that they durst not go near to speak with them. In regard of the Princes, he hopes they are safely landed, but as yet those two ships are not returned. Saturday last our Admiral sent away the Unicorn of the merchants to the northwards, to distribute the 200 licences amongst the Hollands fishermen, but I fear their stubbornness will draw a greater inconvenience on us both. The Admiral is likewise sending away the Mary Rose and Roebuck for Sallee to reinforce Admiral Rainsborough. I conceive they will come too late, except they have a sudden and prosperous wind. An enclosure from Capt. Carteret will unfold that business more at large. I perceive he neither dares write to you nor me, but covertly; for these letters were consigned to a friend at London, and from thence to me, though they came over with the same ship that brought our Admiral's, and laid here some time. You will find that all things are not true that Rainsborough writes. Capt. Lewis Kirke refused to go under his command, so my Lord has put Capt. Trenchfield into the Mary Rose to go upon this service, and has ordered Kirke to go in Trenchfield's ship, the Margaret, to his great discontent. Before our going to Holland, the Nicodemus was sent over by the Admiral and Capt. Johnson with a convoy for Dunkirk, and in his going over [Buller] lost one of his convoy, an Irishman, taken from him by a small frigate of Calais. Now I hear that the master of the Irish vessel is gone to the Lords to complain about it, and sets forth my name in it that I should appoint the convoy, which is false, for I did not so much as know of it. Ever since his Lordship's coming all businesses are managed by himself and those in his own ship. I do not so much as hear of them, except it be at second or third hand; therefore I desire I may have no more laid upon me but my own faults, which

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will be enough for me to answer. Let me know what you do there, and what we shall do here. [$3\frac{2}{3}$ pp.]

July 10. 100. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

July 11. 101. James Marquis of Hamilton to [Sec. Windebank]. I return
Tiboles the petition of Mr. Morgan. His Majesty's pleasure is that such a
[Theobalds]. letter as you wrote formerly to the Judges be again written by you to them. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July $\frac{11}{21}$ 102. Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia to Sir Thomas Roe. Now I
The Hague. very much approve of your design of the voyage to Hamburgh, but, as it was abruptly told me, I knew not what to make of it, neither truly do I understand the treaty that is to be there. My sons and I send this bearer to give the King and Queen thanks for their favours to their nephews. He will tell you all particulars here, and how ill a welcome my Lord of Warwick has had by the loss of his son, drowned, most unfortunately, at Ramekins. They are now at the siege of Breda, where my son and the Lords that came over with him are going. I am glad your wife is well pleased with my taking your daughter Rupa. [*Seals with arms.* 1 p.]

July 11. 103. [Archbishop Laud] to Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia. Your
Lambeth. letters of June $\frac{10}{20}$ came to my hands as I had delivered mine to the hands of Lord Craven to be conveyed to you in company with both your sons. Your second letters of June $\frac{15}{25}$ are concerning Mrs. Crofts, to second her and her business to the King. Truly this is the hardest business that ever you put upon me, both because his Majesty is not pleased I should trouble him with anything but Church business (and indeed I have enough of that), and because Mrs. Crofts is not satisfied with my seconding her business (which, in obedience to your commands, I am most willing to do), but Mrs. Crofts would have me wholly undertake it. And truly I neither can nor dare do that. So soon as ever I spake with his Majesty about it, I showed him your letters for my warrant, and he instantly told me he had for your sake thought upon something for Mrs. Crofts. So I rested satisfied, hoping all had been well, but afterwards she came to me, and either found that the thing given was mistaken or not answerable to her desires, and so fell back again with more earnestness to have me undertake for her, which certainly I cannot do, but what assistance I can give her I will. [*Copy.* 1 p.]

July 11. 104. Henry Earl of Holland to Sec. Coke. His Majesty having seen this order, conceives there is a mistaking in the drawing of it up, his purpose being that these fellows should have a public, not a private, punishment (for example to others), that thereby the effects that are desired should follow to terrify and humble these rude and barbarous persons. The inquiry and performance of this his Majesty has commanded me to lay upon you, and to give him an account of it. [*Endorsed as "touching the two draymen."* See 9th inst., No. 82. 1 p.]

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July 11.

105. Thomas Earl of Cleveland, Lord Lieutenant of co. Bedford, to Sir William Becher. Mr. Conquest has submitted himself to the charge laid on him by the Deputy Lieutenants both for finding of horse and arms. Pray let him be discharged. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

July 11.
Westminster.

Nicholas to John Lord Poulett. Complaint having been made to the Council that you have not paid the 100*l.* subscribed by you to the fishing business, you are desired to pay the same before Michaelmas term, or to attend the Board about the middle of that term. [*Copy. Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 153.*]

July 11.
The Triumph,
in the Downs.

106. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Nicholas. I have received your letters of the 22nd and 30th June, with several from the Lords of the Admiralty, and am sending Capt. Buller to be examined by the Lords. The term being ended, and everybody retiring into the country, I will seldom direct despatches to the Lords. Hitherto I have met with little worth troubling them or the posts. If anything in this employment happen worthy their knowledge, I will give notice of it. [1 p.]

July 11.

107. Certificate of Robert Rigge. Having caused letters of Privy Seal to be served upon Elizabeth West, widow, and James Robins, I promise to forbear any further proceedings against them. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

July 11.

Entry on the Admiralty Register that Robert Rigge, upon his entry into bond to appear before the Lords at the first sitting after the feast of All Saints next, was discharged. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 40. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

July 11.

108. Speech delivered by Archbishop Laud in the Star Chamber at the sentence of Bishop Williams. The report printed in Rushworth, Vol. II. p. 438, is a very great enlargement of the speech as given in this MS. Many passages are contained in Rushworth which have no foundation in this report, and passages which are here are omitted there; for example, it appears here that the archbishop suggested the increase of the fine to be payable by Bishop Williams to Sir John Monson from 1,000 marks, as proposed by others of the Lords, to 1,000*l.* He agreed with the rest of the judges in 10,000*l.* fine to the King, also imprisonment and suspension of Bishop Williams *ab officiis et beneficiis*. [2 pp.]

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109. Another copy of the same speech. [2 pp.]

July 12.
Westminster.

110. Warrant to the Exchequer. There being yet due to Edward Hillyard for embroidered robes for his Majesty's sister, Lady Elizabeth, at her marriage, 891*l.*, and to Sarah Miller, widow, daughter and executrix of Alexander Miller, tailor to the late King, 900*l.*; and Sir Roger Aston and the Earl of Carlisle having departed this life, whose acquittances should have been given upon payment; therefore the Earl of Denbigh, master of the wardrobe, is to be paid 800*l.*, viz., for Edward Hillyard 400*l.*, and for Sarah Miller 400*l.*, in part of the said debts. [*Strip of parchment. 15 lines.*]

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111. Dr. Thomas Rives to the Council. According to reference of the 7th inst., the writer assesses the expenses of Solomon Journeaux, in the cause against James Bandinell (*see Vol. ccclxiii., No. 20*), at 30*l.*, which he ought to be allowed, provided he take oath that he has expended so much. [1 *p.*]

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112. Affidavit of Solomon Journeaux, that in two voyages made to prosecute his cause against James Bandinell he is out of purse 30*l.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

July 12.

Deptford.

113. Officers of the Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. According to warrant of 20th March last, we sold the Turkish frigate with her tackle and furniture, by a candle in his Majesty's yard at Portsmouth, to William Bowles, mariner, for 10*l.* 15*s.*, being the most that was bidden for her. The money is paid to the Exchequer at Mr. Crane's receipt. For her ordnance, the Officers of the Ordnance have taken notice of them. [1 *p.*]

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The Triumph,
in the Downs.

114. Thomas Smith to Nicholas. You have already heard enough of the taking of this bearer's bark, by a vessel of Calais, from under the convoy of Capt. Buller. The poor man is very solicitous for redress, and has been directed to us here, upon this ground, that my Lord [of Northumberland] has order to take the barks of Calais. I have advised him not to build upon that, for if his loss be, as he says, 2,000*l.*, all the barks belonging to Calais will not repair him. I have counselled him to make his repair to Court, either to the Secretaries of State or the Lords Commissioners for their letters to the Earl of Leicester, for recovery of his right; which, if he cannot obtain, he may peradventure procure letters of marque. Thus much, at his earnest entreaty, desiring you to assist him as a work of charity. [1 *p.*]

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115–116. See "Returns made by Justices of the Peace."

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The Hague.

117. Charles Louis, Prince Elector, to Sir Thomas Roe. I add neither dear, honest, nor worthy, for you are all the good I can imagine, and if I would give it all one name it should be yours. I was as loath to part from you (not from England) as you were sorry to leave me, for besides my knowledge of your worth and zeal to my cause, I never received so much contentment by any man's conversation, which I must not hope for suddenly, except the King give you an employment that way I wish for, which will be very necessary, since we hear the Swedes are forced to retire for want of power and victuals; and there is no certainty yet of the Chancellor's coming over; but you will hear all by Berkeley, who is upon his return for England, with a reasonable good answer, as the bearer will tell you. In the rest of my business your assistance is as necessary as I know you are willing to give it, especially to press the Earl of Holland to hasten the French to do that which the King's minister here has begun with this state. I find many difficulties for the meeting at Hamburgh, that I believe all the confederates will desire to have it here. The states of Sweden have

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intimated that if the King would enter into a stricter confederation with them, they would send a plenipotens to Camerarius to treat thereupon at the Hague, and I hear that they are not willing to give the Chancellor so full a power for the direction of the German affairs as he demands. I pray you continue to make much of the Lord Marquis, and write me word if my friends are as forward in my business in my absence as when I was with them. I think it the chiefest part of my misfortune to want power to give you proofs of my love. [*Seal with arms.* 3 pp.]

July $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$.
The Hague.

118. Charles Louis, Prince Elector, to Archbishop Laud. I am so sensible of your extraordinary respects to me in England, that it is my only affliction (since his Majesty has put my business in so good a way) not to be able to acknowledge it enough. Besides, your counsel and affection have caused such satisfaction in me, that I am confident the same care will always prevail to further any business which shall concern my good. What I have more to say I have committed to the bearer. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

July 13.

119. News-letter of C. Rossingham. Order to send Bastwick, Burton, and Prynne to their remote prisons, with restrictions to be imposed upon them. Report that the minister of Shoreditch delivered in his sermon that they all incurred damnation which thought well of these three. This made divers go out of the church, for the common people are extremely compassionate towards them. Dr. Leighton, who has lain in the Fleet seven years for the like offences, is also to be removed to some remote prison. Lord Mohun's son committed to the Fleet for drawing his sword on Ludgate Hill and hurting Lord Lumley, who sat quietly in his coach. The King has ordered him to be proceeded against in the Star Chamber. Particulars of the deposition in Bishop Williams's case, which concerned Sir John Monson, with account of Parson Catlin; Attorney-General's reply in that case; the Bishop's application to the King by the Marquis of Hamilton, but the King declined to interfere until after sentence. Long report of the sentence, and especially of the speeches of Lord Cottington, Archbishop Laud, and the Lord Keeper. Marriage of Lord Russell with Lady Ann Carr, with all possible privacy. It was kept at Mr. Carr's house, right against the Burse in the Strand. [4 pp.]

July 13.
London.

120. Isaac Pennington to his cousin, Sir John Pennington. Repeats the contents of his letter of the 28th June (Vol. ccclxii., No. 68), which he supposes not to have been delivered, and adds further particulars of the business to which that letter related. "News I have not any worth your knowledge, neither is it safe to write of anything that passes. All the discourse is now of the great Star Chamber business, of which passages I know you shall have better information than I can give you; but this I can report for a truth, for thereof I am both an eye and an ear witness, these proceedings cause much dejection amongst many good and loyal subjects, make

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many fly, and many more think of providing for their safety in other places." [1 p.]

July 13.

121. Book of entries relating to the accounts of Sir Robert Rich [?], — Johnson [?], and Thomas Violet, receivers of duties and profits payable to his Majesty by the gold wire drawers, with copies of papers relating to the same. These profits were charged with the payment of 300*l.* per annum to Jane Countess of Roxburgh, and 500*l.* per annum to Henry Earl of Holland. [28 pp., of which 11 pp. are entirely blank.]

July 13.

122–123. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

July 14.

Stilton.

124. Richa[rd] Scott to Robert Long. Metcalfe, the deputy post, is hastily come up to London for the postship, and has got some friend to speak to Sec. Coke for him. I entreat you to speak with Sec. Coke to prevent his grant to Metcalfe, and I will not only perform the place without pay, but will also give 20*l.*, 30*l.*, or 40*l.* to whom you think meet. I have sent up my man with a petition, and entreat you or Sir John Brooke to deliver it. P.S.—Mr. Glapthorne remembers his service to you, who told me of your pains to Sec. Windebank, and so has Wyett Parkint, which I am ever much bound to you for. [1 p.]

July $\frac{14}{24}$.
The Hague.

125. Colonel Thomas Ferentz to Sir Thomas Roe. Captain Cafe ought not to return without bearing to you the assurance of my thanks for the favours received from you during my stay in England. He will inform you of the dangers of our passage, and the commencement of our treaty, which is delayed by the absence of the Prince of Orange on a very difficult siege, during which he will be very unwilling to displease England. It is strange on the part of France that the conclusion of the treaty has not yet been announced; on the contrary the ambassador Charnassé does bad offices, striving to make it be believed that the intentions of the English are not honest, and that they do not design to do anything. It were well if his Majesty complained of those proceedings to France, to stop the mouth of this babbler. Mr. Cafe will inform you what answer has been given in Sweden to Mr. Berkeley, in case he shall not have arrived in England. It has been communicated to us by Mons. Camerarius, and agrees with what was answered by Mr. Fleetwood, promising to treat at the Hague, and to join to Camerarius some ambassador extraordinary from Sweden. The design of meeting at Hamburgh is not agreeable to them for various reasons which are here stated. The Elector Palatine will pass the remainder of the summer with the army to witness this great siege, and advance as much as he can his private affairs, hoping that his friends in England will continue their good offices with the King, and make a beginning with the business of the West Indies. [*French. Seal with arms. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.*]

July 15.
Deptford.

126. Sir William Russell to Nicholas. I entreat you to move the Lords for their warrant to Auditor Bingley for examining my

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accounts for the country moneys. If he has a warrant in general, it will prevent new yearly warrants. My account for 1636 is ready for the auditor, so soon as you can let the charge be also sent. For my account of 1637 he shall, by the bearer or next week, have a declaration thereof. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 15. 127. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 2,200*l.* paid by William Abell and Jacob Garrard, sheriffs of Middlesex, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 15. 128. Account by the same of ship-money received under writ of August 1636. Total, 141,492*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.* [*Underwritten*, "There has not been paid a penny of the last year's arrears sithence the last certificate delivered, of the 8th July 1637." 1 p.]

July 15. 129. Account of ship-money under writ of October 1636, levied and remaining in the sheriffs' hands, being 9,603*l.*, making with the 141,492*l.* above mentioned 151,095*l.* [1 p.]

July 15. 130–132. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

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July 16. Proclamation against false packing of butter, and other deceits
Oatlands. concerning butter casks, discovered since the publication of a former proclamation in that behalf. Recites proclamation of 13th November 1634, and intimates that the power given to Capt. John Read, as announced therein, had been enlarged. Coopers and potters are charged to make vessels for keeping butter of certain sizes, and all persons in authority are directed to assist Capt. Read. [*Coll. Procs. Car. I.*, No. 213. 2 pp.]

July 16. 1. The Council to the Messengers of the Chamber. Divers abuses have been committed in making soap, and his Majesty has now settled the manufacture thereof under the government of the Corporation of Soapmakers of London, but misdemeanours are daily committed in undue making, and in resisting the searchers appointed by the society of soapmakers; the messengers are to arrest such persons as the governor of the society shall nominate, and make stay of all prohibited soap and all materials for undue making, and to bring every person so apprehended to the Council Chamber. [*Copy*. 1½ p.]

July 16. Lords of the Admiralty to Thomas Viscount Wentworth, Lord
Oatlands. Deputy of Ireland. The bearer, Robert Smith, marshal and water-bailiff of Ireland, having been constrained by a wrangling adversary

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to stay longer in England than he expected, we pray your favourable construction of his absence. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 41 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

July 16.
Oatlands.

Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Earl of Newport. We pray you that Philip Allen and Joseph Warren, owners of the *Swallow*, of Colchester, may purchase ordnance for the said ship out of the founder's store. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 42. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

July 16.
Oatlands.

The same to the same. Similar letter for William Langhorne, Edward Abbot, and others, owners of the *Golden Fleece*, of London. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 42 b. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

July 16.

2. John Crane to the Lords of the Admiralty. According to order of 22nd June Sir William Russell has paid me 2,000*l.* You appointed the 3rd July for setting down at what time the residue should be paid. My desire is that you will order Sir William to pay 4,605*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* in full of 30,905*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*, for which he has received orders from the Council Board. [1 *p.*]

July 16.
Oatlands.

Lords of the Admiralty to Sir William Russell. We have received orders from the Council for payment of 30,905*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* to John Crane, of which there is behind 4,605*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* We pray you to pay 2,000*l.* this present week to Crane, and the residue of the 4,605*l.* out of the first moneys you shall receive from the country. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 42. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

July 16.

3. Charles Earl of Nottingham to the Lords of the Admiralty. My deputy Vice-Admiral of Sussex, being at London, received the enclosed letter concerning a ship cast away near Seaford, one of the cinque ports. It appears divers of the goods were taken out of the ship at sea by small boats by the inhabitants of Seaford, and there landed, whereby I cannot execute any commission in that town, because the Lord Warden claims them to belong to him. The ship and goods are of good value. I desire you to send me such as you think fitting, to the end the King may receive the benefit thereof. [*Seal with crest. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*] *Annexed,*

3. I. Thomas Paynter to William Marlott, at the King's Head, Southwark, or at Richard Gould's house in Fenchurch Street. Last night I received news by a Dover man of a ship cast on shore at Seaford, and this morning I went thither, where I find a ship, by all likelihoods of *Hamburgh*, of about 300 tons, which came out of the Straits, and has met with some enemy, which after they had pillaged her of all the rich goods, cut two great holes in the side of the ship to sink her, but being laden with oils it bore the ship, and these winds put her ashore. She first grounded far off at low water, and Seaford boats went aboard and brought ashore various bales of silks. The next high water brought her to the gravel, and various other goods were saved by those of Seaford. There was a

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dead man found aboard with his head shot off; and by his state it appears that the ship has driven long at sea. I think the Lord Treasurer's warrant may be got to take the goods for the customs, and to pay salvage. Shoreham, 13th July 1637. [Seal with monogram. 1 p.]

July 16.
Oatlands.

4. George Goring to Edward Viscount Conway. I have so much to acknowledge for your last singular favour, as it shall be a story by itself. Trust me, I was never so ill. In lieu of news, lo, here a document. Not a word more of budge entertainment at or going to sea, for you shall be budgetted for it if you do. Cousin Warwick may twitch it in verse, but trip upon trap if you relate thereof in prose. Hull and Hull on, but no "Bownce upon Bownce." God send you fair weather or strong cables, for it is all you will encounter this summer, if I fail not in my orders. Dr. Turner assures me I do not, *sed multa cadunt inter*, &c. I shall now write constantly. [Seal with arms. 1 p.]

July 16.
Tinwell.

5. W. Robinson to Nicholas. Mr. Halford has been with me, and I have been with Sir Francis Bodenham, who will by no means decline the business. Halford has been much to blame, and the other thinks he has him fast, and by no persuasions will he be satisfied but by a public way, which I have certified to your cousin [Halford], that he may prepare himself. [1 p.]

July 16.
Tehidie.

6. Francis Bassett to the same. Last term I signified the payment of such money to Mr. Thomas Wyan as was due on my account. I also showed you that I had not despatched the commands of the Lords concerning Mr. Arundel of Chideock's encroachment on the Admiralty, for that the judge, Mr. Byrd, was held in London, waiting on Lord Mohun in Star Chamber. I hear he is returned, and I will give a diligent despatch to it. I also appealed to you against Mr. Gowran [?], an officer to the Prince, who claims all wrecks throughout Cornwall. We hear of great wars. I have two brothers soldiers, stout and honest men, James and Arthur; I beseech you to dispose of one of them. [1 p.]

[July 16?]

7. Petition of Sackville Porter and Thomas Elphick, on behalf of themselves and other inhabitants of Seaford, Sussex, to Sir John Manwood, lieutenant of Dover Castle, and Dr. Thomas Rives, King's Advocate and Judge of the Admiralty of the cinque ports. A ship laden with goods of great value, having been in a sea fight, and having never a man left alive, was lately driven upon the rocks at Seaford, and there beaten to pieces. Petitioners, with great peril of their lives, saved goods to the value of 2,000*l*. Pray that according to former usage you will allow them half the goods in kind so saved. [1 p.]

July 17.

Petition of Sir Henry Jernengan [Jerningham] to the King. By petitioner's attendance upon the cup during the reign of the late King, and since in the privy chamber, having much impaired his estate, so that he is not able to satisfy the demands of his creditors;

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and for that by the death of his eldest son, who turned over his estate to feoffees in trust, to compound with petitioner for payment of debts, and providing of younger children's portions; and forasmuch as these moneys cannot be raised without sale of lands, which cannot be presently done without great loss, petitioner beseeches his Majesty's protection for three years, in which time he will be able to give his creditors satisfaction. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 138. 1 p.*] *Underwritten,*

1. *Reference to the Earl Marshal, the Lord Chamberlain, Lord Cottington, and Sec. Windebank to mediate with petitioner's creditors. Oatlands, 17th July 1637. [Ibid., p. 139. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

July 17. 8. See "Returns made by Justices of the Peace."

July 18. 9. Warrant to pay to Secs. Coke and Windebank, masters and
Westminster. comptrollers general of the posts, 50*l.* for laying extraordinary stages this summer progress. [*Parchment. 10 lines.*]

July 18. 10. Petition of the Factors and Merchants of Dover to the King. John Man, captain of the *Discovery*, of London, by virtue of a letter of reprisal, about two months since took, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile from shore, two ships of *Hamburgh*, called the *Pelican* and the *Salvador*, which were freighted at *Lisbon* for *Dover*. Petitioners esteeming their ships in safety, and alleging a case of a merchant of *Bristol*, who having laden his goods in a ship of *Holland* which was met by a *Dunkirker* three miles from the King's main shore, and was taken to *Dunkirk* and there adjudged prize, notwithstanding the *Bristol* merchant, finding the *Dunkirker* within the jurisdiction of the *English Court of Admiralty*, arrested him and obtained judgment against him for restitution. Also, the Lords of the *Admiralty* declared, in articles dated 24th *March 1636-7*, that none by letters of reprisal should take ships but upon the high seas. If ships are to be taken within sight of *Dover*, it will redound to the King's loss of 20,000*l.* per annum. Pray relief. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

10. I. *Reference to the Lords of the Admiralty. Oatlands, 18th July 1637.*

July 18. Copy of the above petition and reference. [*See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 158. $2\frac{1}{2}$ pp.*]

July 18. 11. William Bassett, Sheriff of *Somerset*, to the Council. Encloses
Claverton. certificates of the constable of the hundred of *Williton* and *Freemanners*, testifying the sub[mission] and payment of *Tristram Evans*, of *West Quantoxhead*, and *Richard Bidgegood*, of *Stogumber*, who were formerly complained of. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*] *Annexed,*

11. I. *George Huish, constable of Williton and Freemanners, to William Bassett. Certificate above mentioned. Stogumber, 16th July 1637. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

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July 18.
Lambeth.

12. Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiastical to Bishop Williams, of Lincoln. By sentence of the judges of the Star Chamber on the 11th inst., you were referred to us to be suspended *ab officiis et beneficiis*. You are required to make your personal appearance before us at Lambeth, in the Manor House of the Archbishop of Canterbury, on Monday the 24th inst., to hear such sentence of suspension pronounced against you. [*Copy unsigned; with words added by Archbishop Laud.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 18.

13. The same to [Sir William Balfour], Lieutenant of the Tower. To bring the Bishop of Lincoln to Lambeth on the 24th inst. for the purpose mentioned in the preceding article. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 18.

14. Estimate of Officers of the Navy for repairing and transporting the Prince Royal from Chatham to Woolwich, as also for docking and other things necessary for a survey of her defects. Total, 1,759*l.* [1 p.]

July 18.

15. Account of Lawrence Squibb, receiver to Lord Cottington, of all rents and other moneys by him received; and also of his disbursements for the year ending 25th December 1635. Total receipts, which include payment to Lord Cottington, out of the Exchequer and Court of Wards, 6,506*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.* Total disbursements, 6,387*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* [*Damaged by damp.* $4\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]

July 18.
Plymouth.

16. Capt. Henry Stradling to Nicholas. I was this day informed by a merchant of Plymouth that he has received a letter from the Spanish Resident, Signor Nicolaldi, wherein he acquaints him with a purpose to make his return into Spain, and to move his Majesty that he would afford him one of his ships to transport him, and he particularly nominated mine, being here for guard of the coast, where he resolves to ship himself. If there be any such thing, I shall become a suitor to you for your assistance. P.S.—The coast has been free all this summer, and is, from all Turks or pirates. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

July 18.

17. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

July 19.

18. Masters and others of the Trinity House to the Lords of the Admiralty. According to the Lords' warrant of the 11th inst. they have surveyed the Red Lion, in dry dock at Deptford, and report various detailed necessary repairs and alterations, which they estimate at 4,329*l.* [2 pp.]

July 19.

19. Sir Henry Marten to the same. Acknowledges the receipt of a letter of Sec. Windebank, wherein he was directed to certify what was the loss and damage which Nicholas Polhill and his partners had proved that they had suffered by the piratical fact of the capture of their ship, the Willing Mind, of Weymouth, by the St. Peter, of Rotterdam, commanded by Captain T'Kint. After a long recital of all the circumstances, and of the special facts, which proved that the authorities of Rotterdam had been partakers in and approvers

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of this hostile action, Sir Henry concludes that the loss and damage which Polhill had sustained was "valuable at 30,000*l*." [Copy. 2½ pp.] *Annexed*,

19. I. *The Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Henry Marten.* Direct him to certify the facts above stated to them under his hand and seal of office, that according to his Majesty's pleasure they might order Sir Henry to issue letters of reprisal against those of Rotterdam. [Copy. ¼ p.] *Underwritten*,

19. II. *Sec. Windebank to Nicholas.* To draw the letter for Polhill again inserting the above clause, and that he [Sec. Windebank] would procure the Lords to put their hands to it. *Oatlands*, 31st July 1637. [¼ p.] *Written under Sir Henry Marten's letter*,

19. III. *Affidavit of John White, of Eltham, Kent, and Nicholas Polhill, of Weymouth, merchant.* That the above is a true copy, and Polhill states that he delivered the original letter, with the Lords' direction thereon, to Sir Henry Marten at Hildsley [Hillesley], in Gloucestershire. Sworn 18th November 1637. [It is stated in a memorandum, endorsed in the handwriting of Robert Reade, secretary to Sec. Windebank, that Sir Henry Marten never sent the fresh certificate directed by the Lords, and that when the original of the above was demanded again it could not be found. ½ p.]

July 19. 20. See "Returns made by Justices of the Peace."

July 20, Westminster. 21. Warrant to pay Jacques Duart, his Majesty's jeweller, 1,420*l*., that is to say, 400*l*. for a diamond ring sent to Madame de Leincourt into France; 320*l*. for a diamond ring presented to Mons. d'Alligny, sent from the Queen Mother to congratulate on the birth of the Princess Anne; 350*l*. for a diamond ring presented to Mons. de Rouvigny, sent from the French King to congratulate on the same occasion; and 350*l*. for a diamond ring presented to Col. Ferentz. [16 lines on parchment.]

July 20. 22. [Sir Thomas Roe] to Anne Countess of Northumberland. I was yesterday at Court to learn which way your and my lord bent his course. That he is yet in the Downs you and we know, and that he will make one turn to the west in an honourable procession, to continue the boundaries of our master's dominion in the sea, is all I believe will be imposed upon him, which is very much too little for his worth, and has no content in it, but that it will soon be ended, and bring him home to you by the equinoctial, till when I wish your thoughts so, that you neither count months nor days but by the pleasures you enjoy in them. Your absence has made these parts so unconvertible, that I am going next week to seek some strength, which I much need, at the Bath. On my return, I will

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wait upon you at Hatfield, to bring you back, if you please, to meet your joy at Sion. [*Copy.* 1 p.]

July 20.

23. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 153*l.* 10*s.* 7½*d.*, paid by Ellis Yonge on behalf of Sir Thomas Fanshawe, Remembrancer of the Exchequer, being arrears of ship-money under writ of 4th August 1635, received by Sir Thomas from various sheriffs under an order of Council of the 4th June last, viz., of co. Bedford, 9*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.*; of co. Buckingham, 3*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*; of co. Cambridge, 1*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*; of Dorset, 21*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.*; of Essex, 10*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*; of co. Gloucester, 45*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*; of co. Hertford, 22*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*; of co. Huntingdon, 10*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*; of Middlesex, 2*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*; of Hants, 12*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*; of co. Warwick, 12*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.* [1 p.]

July 20.

24. Declaration by Sir William Russell of the state of his account for ship-money for 1637. Total received, 142,952*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*; issued, 144,797*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* There remains to be issued various sums amounting to 74,400*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* [*In the margin are various directions respecting these future payments, as to which Nicholas states in a memorandum endorsed that this paper was read to his Majesty on the 23rd inst. at Oatlands, he sitting then in Council with the Lords of the Admiralty, and that his Majesty then gave the directions noted in the margin.* 3 pp.]

July 20.

25. "A Collection of all the post-fines set over to the Queen by virtue of her charter of liberties in Anno xii^o Car. Regis." The account is rendered by counties, and amounts to 1,125*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* [*¾ p.*] Underwritten,

25. I. The Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington to Sir Robert Pye, auditor of the receipts, Sir Edward Wardour, clerk of the Pells, and the rest of the officers whom it concerns. To allow the Earl of Berkshire 800*l.*, parcel of the sum above mentioned, out of the rent of the post-fines. [*¼ p.*]

July 20.

26–28. See "Returns made by the Justices of the Peace."

July 21.

The Triumph,
in the Downs.

29. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Windebank. In pursuit of the command for taking vessels belonging to Calais, I fitted out a small ship and a frigate to look after them, at the time that a convoy went over for Dunkirk. As they passed within sight of Calais, two frigates came forth. The two vessels that I employed kept at a great distance from the convoy, and when they saw the frigates come out, they endeavoured to get between Calais and them. When they came nearer together, and the frigates perceived what they intended, they presently used all means to get home again, which our vessels, going much worse than theirs, could not prevent. They chased them so close that they were once resolved to run ashore, but finding their advantage in sailing, at last saved themselves by getting into their own harbour, and I believe will be so cautious that we shall not suddenly get any of them. The Mary Rose and pinnace set sail towards Saltee yesterday morning. On Monday

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last 15 frigates came out of Dunkirk, notwithstanding the Holland fleets riding in that road; and the next spring-tide 14 ships of two and three hundred tons apiece intend to come forth. The Prince of Orange had a design upon Bruges, which should have been betrayed to him; he had corrupted one of the officers who had delivered out the powder, which should have been wet, but this was discovered and the party fled. The Prince is set down with his army before Breda. If you think these particulars worthy his Majesty's knowledge, present them to him. [*Endorsed by Windebank, "Rec[eived] 22, at Oatlands; ans[wered] 28, at Windsor. 2 pp.*]

July 21.
London.

30. Richard Wyan to Nicholas. I gave the Lord Treasurer a note of the business about the moneys in the Isle of Wight, since which time I got the sentence put into execution for the King, so that all is cleared but the pretence of my Lord of Portland and [William] Newland for salvage, which I wish were ordered by the Lords, that I might have warrant to pay it and be discharged. By two lines to my house in London I will attend at any time or place. Entreats Nicholas to cast his eye on an enclosed petition, and either burn or dispose of it as he judges fittest. P.S.—A great ship has lately sunk near the Isle of Wight in fight with the Dunkirkers, being a Straitsman of Amsterdam, laden with oils and other goods very rich. Report says there is good store of goods in Cowes Castle, and the like in Sussex. Some oils taken up at sea I have caused to be seized. I hope the Vice-Admirals will manage for the King's advantage. [1 p.]

July 21.

31. Thomas Sheppard, Justice of Peace for Middlesex, to all Mayors and other officers. Memorandum that Sir Charles Howard, of Gray's Inn, Benjamin Madox, of the same place, with John Sloper and Thomas Copinger, John Banister and John Haslam, their servants, took the oath of allegiance that day. [*Seal with arms. ¾ p.*]

July 21.

32. Account by Sir William Russell of ship-money remaining unpaid under writs of August 1635. Total, 9,001*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.*, which Nicholas has reduced by various abatements to 6,001*l.* [*¾ p.*]

July 21.

33. The like of ship-money received under writs issued in August 1636. Total, 143,892*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*, leaving unpaid 52,707*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.* [1 p.]

July 21.

34. Account of ship-money levied and remaining in the Sheriffs' hands under writs issued in October 1636. Total, 7,903*l.*, making, with the 143,892*l.* above mentioned, the total collected, 151,795*l.* [1 p.]

July 22.
Cranford.

35. [Sir Thomas Roe] to Colonel Ferentz. Since I saw you, I never saw the Court, nor have had much conversation with men, being imprisoned by my annual disease, the effect of melancholy. You left us in expectation of the liberty to erect a West India Company and the prosecution of the general treaty. Of the first we hear no more, and some believe that it was a fine subtle compliment at the Prince's departure, well knowing that the business

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would fall *sua mole*. But I am also informed that his Majesty is constant to his own wisdom that there is no other way to humble the enemy, so that it shall not sleep, for this week I shall be able to wait, and will put it to a further trial. My cousin Berkeley is returned from Sweden, and has brought an answer, the copy whereof I send his Highness. The substance is that the State has promised to give commission to Camerarius, their ambassador at the Hague, to treat with his Majesty's and the French ministers there, and if it be necessary they will order Dr. Salvius from Hamburgh to assist them, which in my opinion is very cold. The delay now rests with Mr. Avery, who was commanded to incite the Swedes to subscribe to the treaty and come into the league. The Swedes think themselves worthy to have a part in the counsels as well as in the ends, and will have articles particular for themselves. The Chancellor has determined no more to return into Germany, and will draw all the regiment into his own hands. It is said that Bannier is beaten, at least retired a pace to Stettin, the next door to pass the Baltic. If the commission sent to Mr. Avery do not imprint deeper in the Swedes the jealousy that we mean nothing but delays, you may expect instructions given to Sir William Boswell to treat with Camerarius and the residents at the Hague, which will introduce an accommodation of the fishing, secure the seas for them, and confirm a good intelligence with the Crown of England. But I fear the slowness of all, if the Queen and Prince use not all their power to quicken the treaty. The place will make no difference, so the proceeding be sound and real. [*Copy. 2 pp.*]

July 22.
Chatham.

36. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. Thomas Seavern, boatswain of the Third Whelp, is able to execute that place in any of the great ships. Having received information that Crozier, the boatswain of the Constant Reformation, is dangerously sick, he is a suitor for that place, if it falls. The Nicodemus came to Chatham river last night, and this morning the master brought the Earl of Northumberland's warrant to the Officers of the Navy, that if she could be made serviceable in a few days, to return her again to the fleet, otherwise to certify her state to the Lords of the Admiralty. The master informs me that she is weak and leaky, and was in great danger of sinking before she came in. You shall hear what the Officers conceive fit to be done with her. [*Seal with arms. ½ p.*]
Annexed,

36. I. *Memorandum of Kenrick Edisbury. The Triumph, the St. George, and the Swiftsure, now at sea, were sheathed and fitted to ride at Portsmouth; the Leopard, the Swallow, two Whelps, and the Greyhound, or the Roebuck, are fit to ride there, which I commend to Nicholas's consideration to move the Lords in. 22nd July 1637. [5 lines.]*

July 22.

Examinations taken this day at Seaford, and on the 29th inst. at Hastings, before John Wilson, Ra[lph] Beard, and William Wilson, commissioners appointed by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, touching the wreck and saving part of the cargo of a ship which

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had been cast ashore and had gone to pieces at Seaford. The witnesses examined were—

John Hide, tailor,
 Richard Seaman, blacksmith,
 John Swane, tailor,
 John Ollwark, carpenter,
 John Tayler, droit-gatherer,
 Adam Mersh, labourer,
 Richard Dunton, the like,
 John Dunton, the like,
 John Wycarsham, the like,
 Henry Payne, the like,
 Peter Glover, the like,
 William Hollyboue,
 Stephen Bene,
 John Wiilet, labourer,
 Mark Awood,
 Nicholas Semons,
 John Tester, shoemaker,
 Thomas Stockttevell, labourer,
 Edward Gates, labourer,
 William Hide,
 Richard Bevis,
 William Longly,
 William Budd, labourer,
 John Swane, labourer,
 John Hide, tailor [above mentioned],
 Edward Goff,
 Michael Beck, labourer,
 John Jarvis, blacksmith,
 William Izack, smith,
 Repent Hastinge, husbandman,
 John Browne, the like,
 Robert Goff, gentleman, of Bletchington.
 Henry Bene, husbandman, the same.
 John Pullen.

all of Seaford.

William Parry, of Newhaven, clerk, and Margaret his wife.
 Thomas Pamer, of Alciston.
 Edmond Payne.
 Richard Gates.
 William Bellingham.
 Richard Landaye.
 Humphrey Row, of Bletchington.
 John Hersall.
 Adam Barnden.
 John Sergant,
 Thomas Harris,
 William Furner,
 Edward Parson,
 William Lovill,

all of Hastings.

[See Case D. Car. I. No. 15. Roll of parchment.]

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July 22. 37. See "Returns made by Justices of the Peace."

July 23. 38. Lord Treasurer Juxon and Francis Lord Cottington to the King. Report on an application to his Majesty of Sir William Killigrew for a grant of certain quantities of fen land. He petitions for a reward for his father's [Sir Robert's] and his own interest in the soil of the Eight Hundred Fen, and their services towards draining it. He pretends that his father, searching into the records about William Lockton's title, found the King's title thereto, whereupon his father and Mr. Kirke became suitors for the King's interest therein, but the King having resumed the lands into his own hands, he is now a suitor for 600 acres in fee-farm at 50*l.* rent, although, as we before certified, those 600 acres are worth 13*s.* 4*d.* per acre for a lease of seven years only, and are afterwards improvable. His services in draining the Eight Hundred Fen he derives from letters of your Majesty to his father, whereof no use was ever made, and says it was by his father's care the Eight Hundred Fen was separated from the Great Level. [1 *p.*]

July 23.
Oatlands.

Notes by Nicholas of proceedings of [Lords of the Admiralty?] respecting ship-money and other matters. Amongst them, Mr. Attorney is to prosecute the causes for shipping in the Exchequer, and to bring the same to hearing in Michaelmas term next. Sir John Meldrum to answer the Isle of Wight petition next Sunday. The carpentry works of the Great Ship to go on, but the painting and carved works to be slacked. Lord Lieutenants to furnish themselves with provision of gunpowder. Caleb Cockcroft; Mr. Attorney to inform in Star Chamber against him. [See Vol. ccci., No. 96. 1½ *p.*]

July 23.
Oatlands.

Lords of the Admiralty to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. Job Harby, employed in services of his Majesty in the Low Countries, is to be transported thither. We pray you to appoint a ship of the third rank to attend in the Downs to transport him to Rotterdam, and bring him back to Dover or the Downs, with the charge he is to bring over for his Majesty. [Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 42 *b.* ½ *p.*]

July 23.
Oatlands.

The same to Montjoy Earl of Newport. To permit Paul Isaac and William Bradshaw, owners of the Mary, of London, to supply their vessel with ordnance. [*Ibid.*, fol. 43. ½ *p.*]

July 23.

39. Petition of Richard Wyan to the Lords of the Admiralty. Immediately on the death of the Duke of Buckingham, you appointed petitioner proctor in the Admiralty. He has done his best, and prosecuted many businesses of consequence, divers of which have well succeeded, and good profit arrived to his Majesty, the last whereof is about moneys taken out of the sea near the Isle of Wight, about which he made two journeys into the Isle of Wight, and has for a year and a half solicited the causes set on foot by pretended claimers to recover the same from his Majesty. He has prevailed, and the moneys are at your disposal. Beseeches you to consider

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that his place has neither pension, fee, nor other property belonging to it, neither has petitioner at any time petitioned for reward. But now, in regard he is in years and burthened with children, and has no place or help but his practice as a proctor, he beseeches you to think on him. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

July 23.
Cranford.

[Sir Thomas Roe] to Prince Charles Louis, Elector Palatine. Having written my thoughts to Mons. Ferentz, and not having seen the Court since I left you, I will not trouble you with repetitions. I will not doubt that you have an account of my cousin Berkeley's return from Sweden, and his answer, which I will supply by the next. The substance is a recapitulation of what they had done in the common cause, and the offers made by Colonel Fleetwood; and that they will give commission to Mons. Camerarius, and, if need require it, send Dr. Salvius. But I perceive that they make very dainty, and aim at aid of money. What alteration the directions given to Mr. Avery will produce I leave to your judgment. Sure I am they will have a share in the treaty, and that there is none in Germany authorized to give Avery an answer, for the not coming of the Chancellor has changed the scene; and if we stay until another return it will be dangerous. Therefore, give me leave to be constant to my point, that it behoves you to quicken and settle the meetings; and for the place, the Hague will be most for despatch. I shall be able to go to the Court next week, and from thence be better furnished to serve you. [*Copy. See this present Volume, No. 35. 1 p.*]

July 24.
Oatlands.

40. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Hear Capt. Buller. Consider a paper presented by John Dowle concerning gunpowder-makers at Bristol; also the Officers of the Navy's letter touching a clerk of the Navy. Sir William Russell has given answer to Stevens's petition touching masts. Consider Sir Henry Marten's report concerning [Peter] White's petition. Letters to the Lords from Sir Henry Marten and the Officers of the Navy. Consider an order of the Board touching a survey of his Majesty's castles, &c. taken by the Earl of Newport; also a petition from the Lieutenant of Guernsey about carriages, &c. to be sent thither. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

[July 24.]

41. Complaint of Bartram Sharper, William Francklin, Browne Bushell, and Richard Reugs, against Capt. Richard Buller. The Concord, of Drogheda, laden with hides, tallow, and butter, was agreed to be convoyed to Dunkirk, Sir John Pennington sending the [Nicodemus], Capt. Buller, for that purpose. When in Calais Road, a small man-of-war came forth, who bearing to leeward, Capt. Buller shot two pieces of ordnance at him, which he returned, the captain standing on the poop and shaking his sword against Capt. Buller, and bidding him "Strike, rogue!" whereupon Capt. Buller hasted away, and the Frenchman came in amongst the fleet, boarded the Concord in presence of all the fleet, and carried him

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away for Calais, the convoy making little or no resistance. [*Copy attested by Nicholas.* 1½ p.]

July 24.

Answer of Capt. Richard Buller to the preceding complaint. When the man-of-war came off the shore, the wind being at S. and by W., he was at windward of me, and the fleet under my lee. I being come within shot, made two at his flag; he returned me the like, and so we fought almost two hours. Then he tacking, I endeavoured the like, having called to those of my convoy to make way ahead; but they most struck their topsails and stayed, and so environed me that I could not bear up to the man-of-war, nor stay, nor make shot at him for the fleet, but was forced to hale my topsails abackstays to fall astern of them before my ordnance could bear on him. In the meantime the Irishman, being the leewardmost of all, the man-of-war laid her aboard, I not being then able to come to his rescue, and ere I could come, they, having manned the prize, steered several courses, so that, had I followed either, the other might have taken whom he listed of the fleet, insomuch as I was then able to interpose myself only to him which I saw went about to steer up to the fleet, and in this manner I fought with them, until at length I made them both leave me. [*Copy attested as the preceding, and written upon the same sheet of paper.* 1 p.]

July 24.
Oatlands.

Lords of the Admiralty to Keeper of the Marshalsea. To take into his custody Richard Buller, late captain of the *Nicodemus*, to be kept until further order. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 43.* ½ p.]

July 24.

Petition of Charles Trevor and Thomas Carleton, your Majesty's servants, to the King. Petitioner Trevor petitioned your Majesty about the cutting and gashing of hides by the butchers, contrary to the statute. After a reference to the Attorney and Solicitor-General, the former was directed to draw a book for a grant of an office relating thereto, for 21 years, petitioners paying your Majesty 50*l.* per annum. Petitioners find that the proposed allowance of 6*d.* upon 10 hides will not be sufficient, and that 7*d.* is the least that can bear your Majesty's rent. Pray reference to the Attorney and Solicitor-General to increase the fee. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 143.* 1 p.] *Underwritten,*

1. *Reference as prayed, with direction to increase the fee if the referees find it fit. Oatlands, 24th July 1637. [Copy. Ibid.* ¼ p.]

July 24.

42. Draft entry to be made in the Book of Acts of the Court of High Commission of the proceedings in that Court upon the suspension of Bishop Williams from his bishopric of Lincoln, his deanery of Westminster, and all other his ecclesiastical promotions, in accordance with the decree of the Court of Star Chamber. The Lieutenant of the Tower attended, and acknowledged the receipt of the precept addressed to him (*See this Vol. No. 13*). The bishop did not attend, but addressed a letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Humphrey Lloyd, a proctor, attended on his behalf. [7 pp.]

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43. Sentence of suspension in the High Commission, mentioned in the preceding article ; prepared for insertion of the names of the commissioners present, and for their signature. [*Latin.* 2½ pp.]

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Lambeth.

44. Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiastical to all Parsons and other Ministers, and especially to the parson of the parish church of [name not filled up]. Recites decree of the Star Chamber for suspension of Bishop Williams, and his consequent suspension by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who had also decreed that the same suspension should be publicly denounced in the cathedral church of Lincoln, the collegiate church of Westminster, and in such other places as they should think fit. Require the person addressed, upon the next Sunday, in time of divine service, when the greater part of the congregation shall be assembled, openly to denounce the said bishop to have been suspended. [*Seal of Ecclesiastical Commissioners attached.* 1 p.]

July 24.

The Unicorn,
before
Scarborough.

45. Captain Richard Fielding to Sec. Windebank. According to instructions, I have been northwards amongst the busses. I came amongst them the 18th July. One of the men-of-war came and lay by the lee by me. I sent for the captain, who came on board and told me that there were some six or seven hundred sail, and desired me that I would speak with his admiral before I sent for the busses. The 20th I spoke with the Admiral of South Holland and the Commander of North Holland, and showed them wherefore I was commanded amongst them. The 21st all the commanders of North and South Holland, and of Zealand, with three other captains, told me that they durst not let my boat pass amongst the busses to give out his Majesty's licences before they had order from their masters. This was their answer, but I could not get it under their hands. I found the busses very willing, for I had given out two licences before I spoke with the men-of-war. My instructions were, not to compel them, which order I have followed. The 21st, when I had their answer, I made for the next port of England, being at the same time as high as "Buffen Nesse" [Buchan Ness]. As I stood along I heard some shooting ; I stood with the smoke, where I found one of the States men-of-war engaged among 13 Dunkirkers. Before I came within shot the States man-of-war sank. I sent off my boat to save some men, but could not, although my men took up five, but they were dead ; so that I commanded them to be heaved overboard, with the ceremonies of our Church. The Dunkirkers took in their flag and stood away before the wind so soon as they made my colours ; the States men-of-war followed with the writer, but they could not fetch them up, or would not. The States have there 23 men-of-war, but no more than 15 stood with the Dunkirkers ; the rest kept with the busses. When I saw I could not keep them company, I stood for Scarborough, from whence I will make towards my General. [*Seal with arms.* 2½ pp.]

July 24.

Morton.

46. Richard Bagnall to Nicholas. Thomas Thornhill's son tells my man that he will not desist from working [saltpetre], though

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his contract be out with the Lords, until he receives order from them. I desire an order that he may work no longer than the date of his covenant, which ends the 1st August. If you cannot do this, by reason of the Lords being dispersed, I entreat directions what I shall do. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

July 24.
Cranford.

47. Sir Thomas Roe to Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh. Pains and the gout have kept me in ignorance and solitude. Your servant is very modest and laborious. I scarce know he is in the house, if I seek him not in the study. What he finds there the catalogue shall tell you; more, I fear, in number than weight. My manuscript is not yet arrived, being delivered to the servant of Mons. Batier, while he was sent to England, and I must stay his return or some express. I received the enclosed from my friar. As a curiosity, and because England is no air for any libel, I send it you to sea, that it may find salt there; it has gall enough. I wonder how they keep their ears in France, or whether their hair abuse us not. My Lord Finch would suspect any of that nation if he had seen this paper and considered their locks. I received from Holland that Breda cannot long resist being disfurnished of garrison and corn. At Court the French say Landrecy is taken. The design of a West India Company continues. Lord Russell has his love, and the Duke of Lennox is near the same happiness, expected a Sunday last, deterred I know not why. The fall of my Lord of Lincoln is matter for the captain. I had rather choose the part of Ahimaaz, who was a good man, and forbore to tell the ill news; but my part of the story shall be that my Lord of Canterbury yesterday delivered a petition from him to his Majesty. If they have done this *ad correctionem*, not *ad ruinam*, they have kept the bounds of their court, for the staves are guides to safety. I am going to the Bath. If I meet the merry old Wife there, you shall hear a new tale. [1 p.]

July 24. 48-50. See "Returns made by Justices of the Peace."

July 25.
Westminster.

51. The King to the Treasurer and Under-Treasurer of the Exchequer. By certificate of the Auditors of the Imprests, dated 3rd March last, Philip Burlamachi stands charged with 482,459*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* received out of the Exchequer. His Majesty finds reason to allow him moneys paid to Lady Elizabeth, his Majesty's sister, 12,000*l.*; to the ambassador of the King of Denmark, 2,764*l.* 10*s.*; to the Prince Elector [for i]nterest, 1,200*l.*; to the Victualler of the Navy in 1627, 600*l.*; to Sir James Ramsey, 200*l.*; to Sir Isaac Wake, late ambassador in France, 1,629*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*; to Sir John Gibson, one of the captains in the late expedition to Cadiz, 268*l.* 10*s.*; to William Wade, for moneys laid out for the expedition of the late Count Mansfeldt, 295*l.*; for moneys advanced to his Majesty's sister and others, 6,246*l.*; for so much due to Burlamachi upon the account of moneys received and disbursed in France, 18,982*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.*; for exchange of 14,000*l.* furnished for his Majesty in Scotland, 560*l.*; for despatches paid by order of the late Lord Treasurer, 299*l.*; to John Dalbier, 1,200*l.*; to Colonel Pebblets, 500*l.*; to Count Ernest of Nassau,

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in part of a debt due to the States of Groeningerland, 328*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*; to Matheus Aersten van Riethoven, for commodities adjudged to be restored to him, 1,917*l.* 15*s.*; for ordnance broken in the proofs in Holland, 172*l.* 16*s.*; expenses for his journey into Holland in 1629, 400*l.*; to Sir William Russell and others for advancing 30,000*l.* to the Treasurer and Victualler of the Navy in 1627 and 1628, 1,953*l.* 7*s.*; for freight of ships of his that served his Majesty, 3,658*l.* due since Christmas, 1634; upon an annuity of 250*l.* per annum upon the rent of sea-coal diverted by other occasion of his Majesty's service, 2,000*l.*; all which amount to 57,175*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.* [*sic*]; which, with 417,633*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* allowed by the auditors, amounts to 474,809*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*, whereby Burlamachi will be indebted to his Majesty only 7,649*l.* 14*s.* And forasmuch as Burlamachi has further pretences, especially for 49,752*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, for forbearance of sums advanced for his Majesty's service, which his Majesty holds not fit to allow in that way, lest others may pretend the like grace, but because his Majesty has ever been well satisfied with the services of Burlamachi, and conceives that none can have the like pretences, therefore to enable him to satisfy the said 7,649*l.* 14*s.*, and in compassion of his distressed estate, his Majesty bestows upon him the said 49,752*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* [*Parchment. 33 lines.*]

July 25.

Petition of John Gibbon to the King. On the 22nd May 1633, petitioner purchased from Sir Cornelius Vermuyden his proportion of the late improved lands in Hatfield Chase, and it was agreed that for such of those lands as were not then actually granted from your Majesty, so soon as they should be passed, the patentees should reconvey them to petitioner. The 24th March 1636, the remainder were passed, and petitioner being then indebted to your Majesty 3,000*l.*, two of the patentees were nominated in trust for security of that money. Of that 3,000*l.* there remains yet due 500*l.*, and for satisfaction of that and some other of petitioner's engagements, petitioner is to make sale of the said lands. Prays reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington, if they find it just, to order the patentees to convey to petitioner, so that he may be enabled to pay your Majesty, and his other debts. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 144. 1½ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington; and if they find petitioner's allegations true, to convey to him that proportion of the lands which belongs to him. Oatlands, 25th July 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 146. ¼ p.]*

July 25.

Petition of Andrew Read, B.D., rector of How Caple, co. Hereford, to the same. Your Majesty presented petitioner to the said rectory during the minority of Thomas Caple, your ward, and he enjoyed the same for a year and upwards. But by combination between Mr. Caple, the pretended patron, and others, there is a judgment passed in the Common Pleas for petitioner's living against Morgan Godwin, at the suit of the said Caple, contrary to petitioner's knowledge. Forasmuch as no one acquainted petitioner

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with the proceedings, and judgment passed by default, and that thereupon petitioner was outed, and has no remedy at law but to question the indirect practice which has put him out of possession, which will be more chargeable than he can undergo, he prays your Majesty's order that he may be restored to possession and keep it till he be outed by fair proceedings, wherein himself may be made a party. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 152. 1 p.*] *Underwritten,*

1. *Reference to Archbishop Laud and Lord Kceper Coventry to certify the true state of the business, with what is fit to be done for petitioner's relief. Oatlands, 25th July 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 153. ¼ p.]*

July 25. 52. Warrant to pay Sir William Russell 1,021*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* for repair
Westminster. of the graving dock at Chatham, and new making returned wharfs at the end of the same. [*Strip of parchment. 12 lines.*]

July 25. 53. The like for payment to the same of 5,679*l.* 2*s.* for cordage
Westminster. and other provisions to rig the great ship building at Woolwich, for six months' service at sea. [*The like. 13 lines.*]

July 25. 54. The like for payment to the same of 2,074*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* for new
Westminster. building a great storehouse for cordage near the rope-house at Chatham, a strong brick-wall to enclose the sail-yard, a firm partition between the old dock and the mill-yard, with divers other works. [*The like. 13 lines.*]

July 25. 55. Sir Henry Marten to the Lords of the Admiralty. Report upon a reference of the 2nd March last (*see Vol. cccxlix., No. 22*), upon the claim of the Earl of Portland, Vice-Admiral of the Isle of Wight, to the moiety of a wreck of money lately found in his Vice-Admiralty. All vice-admirals challenge the moiety of such droits as belonging to their offices, and I understand by the registrar that upon their accounts they have been allowed. Such fraction of these casualties would prove no disservice to his Majesty, if vice-admirals did their duty and kept their sessions, which the Earl of Portland lately did to his great charge, and so that the like had not been seen of long time. The last Lord Treasurer was hardly induced to afford a tenth of the profit of the Black Eagle to the Vice-Admiral of Essex, because the owners forbore to interpose out of an expectation of his Majesty's grace towards them, whereof they were not frustrated. The Isle of Wight is apt to be fruitful of such perquisites, and if the Vice-Admiral receive no good encouragement, his Majesty may suffer hereafter. [*1 p.*]

July 25. 56. Copy of the preceding report with a prefixed copy of the above-mentioned letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Henry Marten of the 2nd March last, already calendared under its date. [*3 pp.*]

July 25. 57. Reply of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of Shipwrights to the petition of Edward Stevens, exhibited to the Lords of the Admiralty on the 10th July inst. (*See Vol. ccclxiii.,*

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No. 98.) They admit that there remained due to Edward Stevens, the father, at his death, 100*l.*, but petitioner not being his executor, it has never appeared by what right petitioner can receive the amount. If he can, they claim to set off 62*l.* which he received in part whilst master of the company and since, and various other claims against him which nearly make up the amount. Stevens in June last moved this business to the Judge of the Admiralty, who, finding no willing neglect in the company, desired the master and wardens to endeavour the payment of so much as was justly owing, about Christmas next, which was assented to, and which Stevens did not oppose. Petitioner has in his hands a bond of 80*l.* belonging to the company, which they pray may be delivered to the master and wardens according to the charter. [1 p.]

July 25.
Oatlands.

58. Sec. Windebank to Sir Henry Marten. It is his Majesty's pleasure that Sir Henry should certify the Lords of the Admiralty the whole loss and damage that Robert Powlett and Company have suffered by Capt. Cornelius T' Kint and his ship's company, with the Dutch ship St. Peter, of Rotterdam, without any consideration how Powlett's ship and goods were disposed of. [*Copy. Underwritten a memorandum of probably Windebank's intended movements during the vacation, with an endorsement by Powlett of his delivery of the original of this letter to Sir Henry Marten on the 26th inst., when the books were delivered to Mr. Allen to be carried into the country. 1 p.*]

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59. See "Returns made by Justices of the Peace."

July 26.

60. Sir Henry Marten to Nicholas. Report on the cases of the Company of Shipwrights of Rotherhithe and the Brotherhood of London. I have called both parties before me, and have signified the Lords' pleasure. They have given answers, which I enclose. By them Nicholas may see that Mayden and Hooke are resolved to stand out, and that the city of London will defend them. I must return them back to the Lords myself, having no power to compel them. But, because the Lords require me to send my opinion, it being a business so much importing the general good of the kingdom, that all the shipwrights should live under a uniform government, as now regulated by the King's charter, my opinion inclines to the shipwrights' desire. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*] *Enclosed,*

60. 1. *Statement by Mr. Stone, counsel for Thomas Mayden and William Hooke, and the Brotherhood of London, that they submitted themselves to the Shipwrights' Company for certain purposes, and were also content to enter bond not to serve any foreign state, but that they refused to appear at the courts of the company, or to pay quarterage, or to be chosen into office, for all this they do in their own company, and they conceive there is neither law nor reason to compel them. [½ p.]*

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60. II. *Paper by Mr. Heron in answer to Mr. Stone. He contended that there were objects to be accomplished by the new incorporation, which could not be attained by the ancient Brotherhood, and that therefore its members were bound to submit to the incorporation.* [1 p.]

July 26. 61. Copy of the above letter of Sir Henry Marten. [1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 26. 62. Copy also of the paper of Mr. Heron above mentioned. [3 pp.]

July 26. 63. Information of Mary Fletcher, widow, that the town and manor of Chadlington and the manor of Pudlicot, containing lands in Chilston [Chilson], Charlbury, Ascot, and Steeple Aston, all in co. Oxford, are held unjustly from the Crown by intrusion. [1 p.]

July 26. 64–65. See “Returns made by the Justices of the Peace.”

July 27. 66. Warrant to pay to Secs. Coke and Windebank, Masters and
Westminster. Comptrollers-General of the Posts, 500*l.*, to be paid to Anthony Buckbury for arrears, to be paid to his deputy for execution of the postmaster's place of the Court, until 24th June last, and also the amounts due to the several postmasters following, up to the 27th September next, on the allowances after mentioned; viz., to Thomas Swinsed, of Ware, 3*s.* *per diem*; Thomas Hagger, of Royston, 4*s.* 4*d.*; Ralph Shert, of Babraham, 2*s.*; John Cotterill, of Newmarket, 4*s.* 4*d.*; John Riggshis and William Kilborne, late of Huntingdon, 2*s.*; James Cropper, of Witham, 2*s.*; Richard Leeming, of Grantham, 2*s.*; Thomas Atkinson, of Newark, 2*s.* 4*d.*; Edward Wright, of Scrooby, 2*s.*; Edmund Hayford, of Doncaster, 2*s.*; Edmund Bawne, of Ferrybridge, 2*s.* 6*d.*; Thomas Tayler, of Tadcaster, 1*s.* 8*d.*; John Howsman, of York, 2*s.*; William Thompson, of Wetherbury [Wetherby?], 2*s.*; Andrew Wilkinson, of Boroughbridge, 3*s.*; John Scarlet, of North Allerton, 2*s.* 4*d.*; John Glover, of Darlington, 2*s.* 4*d.*; William Sherrington, of Durham; 2*s.* 4*d.*; George Swan, of Newcastle, 3*s.*; John Pye, of Morpeth, 3*s.*; Alexander Armorer, of Alnwick, 3*s.*; Thomas Armorer, of Belford, 3*s.*; Thomas Carre, of Berwick, 2*s.* 4*d.*; James Ware, of Dartford, 2*s.* 6*d.*; Thomas Lord, of Gravesend, 6*d.*; Richard Jennings, of Sittingbourne, 2*s.*; Thomas Parks, of London, 2*s.*; Roger Pimble, of Charing Cross, 2*s.*; John Briscoe, of Barnet, 2*s.*; Robert Story, of St. Albans, 2*s.*; John Gerrard, of Brickhill, 2*s.*; Andrew Clarke, of Daventry, 2*s.*; John Fletcher, of Coventry, 2*s.* 8*d.*; Ralph Castlon, of Birmingham, 2*s.*; Robert Francis, of Chester, 2*s.* 4*d.*; James Wilkinson, of Staines, 2*s.*; Gilbert Davies, of Hartford Bridge, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Anthony Spittle, of Basingstoke, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Richard Miles, late of Salisbury, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Roger Bedbury, now of Salisbury, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Nicholas Compton, of Shaftesbury, 1*s.* 8*d.*; John Smith, of Sherborne, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Robert Searle, of Honiton, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Thomas Newman, of Exeter, 2*s.*; Samuel Smith, of Brentwood, 2*s.* 6*d.*; William Neale, of Chelmsford, 2*s.* 6*d.*; Robert Bunny, of Witham, 2*s.*;

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Henry Barron, of Looe, 2s. 6d.; Joshua Blaxton, of Perryn, 2s.; Gilbert Davies, of Hartford Bridge, 2s. 6d.; William Brooks, of Portsmouth, 2s. 6d.; Rowland Roberts, late of Langfenny, and Richard Roberts, in present service there, 2s.; and William Folkingham, of Stamford, 2s. [*Parchment. 29 lines.*]

July 27.
Bridewell,
London.

67. Petition of William Ayre to Archbishop Laud. Acknowledges with much humility the fault for which he had been sentenced to imprisonment. It was committed suddenly, in a fit of extreme passion, at a time when he had no money to feed and clothe his little ones, and in a blind and indiscreet zeal for Church, State, and Commonwealth, which he doubts not the archbishop, out of his well-rectified zeal to all three (so fully expressed in his Wanstead sermon, and at other times), will excuse. The King he much less doubts, for notwithstanding the litigiousness of people and their complainings, yet not one ill thought is harboured by any against him. Alludes to the failures of the parliaments of James and the present sovereign, and states that from hearing the causes of Lord Mohun, Sir James Bagg, and the Bishop of Lincoln, he fears they were all mischievously crossed by factious humours. The archbishop has done well in sending some of the ringleaders far out of London, and silencing some others, and has shown his desire for peace by avoiding snappings and snarlings among Christian brethren. As he has so well begun to yield some things on his side, the writer prays that some things may be consented to on the other, and that "our good Urbanus, *pius atque beatus*, as well as *pacificus*, will yield to the archbishop what he shall desire for settling unity in the Church of Christ. He has sent over a precursor, a messenger of peace and unity, for removing the infamy from Christendom of so great dissensions among Christians." Prays the archbishop to release him from that ignominious and loathsome prison, and he will forbear all writing or speaking in future. Alludes to the Earl of Dorset and the Lord Privy Seal, as likely to favour him, and the Countess of Devonshire will relate that he is no knave, at worst a fool, nor yet a dangerous scripturian papist as he that so devilishly interpreted the Revelation. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 27.
London.

68. Sir Kenelm Digby to Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh. I will obey your commands for the books and Burgundy wine, and address all to Sir John Wolstenholme. I have been in the country upon occasion of a dangerous sickness of my mother, but now she is well recovered. The King and Queen will be in London on Thursday to assist at the Duke's marriage; but I believe there will not be so great flocking of the people to see it, as was this last week to accompany Mr. Prynne and Mr. Burton's pilgrimage to their stations in the country, nor [any evidence of the marriage] be kept with such veneration as the Puritans keep the bloody sponges and handkerchiefs that did the hangman service in the cutting off their ears. You may see how nature leads men to respect relics of martyrs. The Lord Privy Seal came last Sunday to Court in a fine ape's coat, to take his leave of the King and

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Queen, and his son Wat, pretending to show him the house, took much pains show him to the house, who I will undertake had not of a long time seen so proper a squire and so comely clad. If my service were worth presenting to the Earl of Northumberland, I would beseech you to do it. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

July 27. 69. Thomas Barnard to the Officers of the Ordnance. Has received order from his Lord [the Earl of Newport] to signify his approbation of their estimate for ordnance for the great ship, with some slight alterations. There is an expectation of an addition of ten pieces, which must have reference to further time. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July 27. 70. Estimate of the Officers of the Ordnance for 90 pieces of brass ordnance for the great ship now building, with the various alterations suggested in the preceding letter. Total, 20,592*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* [1 p.]

July 27. 71. Duplicate of the preceding estimate with the suggested alterations. [1 p.]

July 27. 72. Copy of the same without the signatures of the Officers of the Ordnance. [1 p.]

July 27. 73–74. See “Returns made by Justices of Peace.”

July 28. 75. The King to Sir Charles Harbord, Surveyor-General; Sir Canbury. Edmund Sawyer, William Hill, Justinian Povey, Auditors of the Revenue, Richard Barnard and Philip Darrell. Receivers of our rents and revenues enter into their accounts yearly in Hilary term, finish the same before the following 10th March, and make payment of their balances before the 20th of the same March, upon pain of forfeiture of their offices and 4*d.* in the pound for every day they shall detain the money. Commission to inquire as to the not duly accounting of Thomas Smyth, receiver of the Duchy of Cornwall, and of Agmondesham Pickayes, Receiver-General of Norfolk and Huntingdon. [6 pp., last page damaged.]

July 28. 76. Sir Robert Bannister, Sheriff of co. Northampton, to the Passenham. Council. Having received their letter of 27th inst., requiring payment of ship-money rated upon that county before the end of August, or in default to appear before the Council the first Sunday in September, informs them that upon complaint made by two hundreds of the inequality of the rates, the Lords on the last of April appointed that they should make choice of two, and he of other two, as referees to settle the same, or certify the Bishop of Peterborough. The first day appointed for meeting, the writer and referees came to Northampton, where they lost their journey, no referees meeting for the hundreds; since which they have had divers meetings, and have resolved on nothing but to make certificate to the bishop. The country by that means being so distracted, not knowing what alterations might be made, have ever since paid little more. His suit is, that he may be spared his attendance the first Sunday in September, or that he may proceed according to the taxes he has

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laid upon the county, wherein if it appear that he has proceeded corruptly or affectionately, he will suffer any punishment. If alterations be made, it will distract his Majesty's service and raise many petitions to the Lords, divers hundreds having paid a great part of their money. It was the case last year, that Sir Francis Crane, Sir Hatton Farmor [Fermor], and the writer, petitioning to be relieved of a tax by the one half more than could be justified, they were first ordered to pay the money, which they did, and then they had the Lords' letters to the Justices of Assize to examine the business, whereby the service was no way delayed. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

July 28.
Passenham.

77. Sir Robert Bannister, Sheriff of co. Northampton, to Sir Henry Vane, Comptroller of the Household. Thanks for Sir Henry's noble favour to Mr. Crane on the writer's behalf. Sends a journal of passages in the shipping business in co. Northampton during the writer's shrievalty. Explains the principles upon which he made his assessment. How it has been opposed by two hundreds out of twenty, his journal must speak. Received yesterday by a messenger a letter from the Lords, to which he has made his answer, and hopes Sir Henry will be present at the reading. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

July 28.
Deptford.

78. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. There are divers decayed and unuseful materials which may be sold for his Majesty's advantage, and which now pester the storehouses, all which may be worth 700*l.* or 800*l.* We advise you to dispose of them, the sooner the better. We have also long since besought you to require certificate from the Officers of the Ordnance what quantity of old cordage should be delivered for wadding of ordnance for one ship of every rank for six months' service, to the end we may in our office know what proportions to deliver the gunners for store at the ships' going out to sea, and the rather for that their demands increase much above precedents in Queen Elizabeth's time and since. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

July 28.
Westover.

79. John Ashburnham to Nicholas. I was at my brother's when your man came to my house. I thank you for sending the writings, and likewise for the trust you repose in me in desiring to have that part which concerns yourself deferred till our next meeting, which though I hope it will not be long, yet I resolve not to do, for we are all mortal, and I should be sorry to go to my grave with a possibility of having left my friend incommodated for me the hair of his head. I beg I may see you and your wife at my farm, and that by the next return he will name the day when the coach shall come for her. I have written my excuse to Mr. Price, and have pressed your necessity of having it, and I hope you will endeavour the getting it from Lord Keenole [Kinnoul]. [*1 p.*]

July 28.
Croydon.

80. William Dell to Sir John Lambe. My Lord has commanded me to send you these [*Acts for Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in Lincolnshire and Leicestershire durante suspensione*]. I doubt your good friend Sir Nathaniel [Brent] will not be pleased with this course. For Dr. More and Mr. Walker my Lord is not satisfied, nor will he

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resolve till he may speak with you, which he desires as soon as you can with safety. If it be necessary that his Majesty be moved about the jurisdiction of Westminster, if you prepare a bill, his Grace will get it signed on Sunday next. P.S.—Doth not my Lord's Grace bestow all benefices in the gift of the Bishop of Lincoln? If so, procure a catalogue of them. [*This P.S. has been struck out.*] 2nd P.S.—His Grace has dashed out this idle question. I would not for 40s. he should have turned over the leaf. 3rd P.S.—Present my best respects to your host and hostess and Mr. Williamson, with many thanks for their kindness to me. And if you please to peruse this letter from H. Jenour you will see in what case I am likely to be, therefore send me the true ring. At Mr. Baker's I imagine you have but little to do, and therefore I shall fit you with work. [1 p.] *Written on the other leaf of the sheet,*

80. 1. *William Dell to Sir John Lambe. I see there is no hope of your coming to Croydon this week, and therefore I make bold to present you with a taste of our rural pleasures, seen and described by a rustical poet as he made two or three turns by the wood's side. There follow Latin lines, commencing,—*

*"Hic inter nemorum altorum umbras aurea fingas
Sæcula, nam et quercus roscida mella dabunt."*

The lines on country pleasures are followed by various allusions to an assumed affection of Dell for Barbara Lambe, a daughter of Sir John, by whom, as well as by her father, he pretends to have been denied. [1 p.]

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81. Notes by Mark Thomas respecting various quantities of oil probably obtained from the ship wrecked at Seaford. It commences with notice of a quantity found at sea by H. Musse, baker, and concludes with a memorandum as to what Jo. Browne found, which he sold in France. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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82. Sir Thomas Roe to Colonel Ferentz. I have let his Majesty know the advantage of occasion by you intimated, and the good offices of Mons. Charnassé. That the Hague is the fittest place of convention I agree fully, for the absence of the Chancellor Oxenstiern has changed the design. Nothing is more necessary for the Elector than to hasten the meeting, for if the ambassador blot us at the Hague, they speak the same language at Paris, for there they lay all delay upon us, of which they only have been guilty. I wrote to you by Sir Simon Harcourt of 22nd of this month, since which is arrived Colonel Ruthen with new overtures from the Swedes, such as he says were never made to the Crown of England. What they are I cannot penetrate, he following his Majesty the last week. That they are the fruits of fear since their retreat into Pomerland will make them, though less acceptable, more necessary to be embraced. But I cannot believe much in the wine when I consider the bottle, for I never understood him a man portable of much business. [States his own visit to Court on the previous Sunday,

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and the position of the business of the West Indies, much as it will be found in a letter to the Elector Palatine of the 29th inst.] If you have a copy of the French treaties, you shall do me a favour if you send them to me by a safe hand; they shall be in safe custody. During my stay at the Bath, direct to Sir Richard Cave to keep for me. I received a letter from Dr. Spina, to which he may expect some reply to-morrow. It was a mere error, and no misinterpretation of his Majesty. He shall have real assurance that he stands right in England. [*Copy. 2 pp.*]

July 28. 83. See "Returns made by Justices of the Peace."

July 29. Proclamation for survey and marking of iron and woods to be
Oatlands. used in making thereof. [*Coll. Procs. Car. I., No. 214.*]

July 29. 84. Sir Thomas Roe to Prince Charles Louis, the Elector Palatine.
Cranford. My Lord of Holland assures me that order is gone to the French ambassador at the Hague to co-operate in the perfection of the treaty. You must set all your strength to procure the meeting, and then I doubt not of a good issue; and there is nothing that I would more willingly do than serve his Majesty on this occasion, if he resolve not to use Sir William Boswell alone. I troubled you with a few lines by Sir Simon Harcourt on the 23rd. In the last clause of the answer of the Swedes, they desire to know beforehand what shall be proposed to them, which points directly at conditions for themselves; yet they may abate somewhat of their height being driven near up in Germany, for Colonel Ruthen speaks of noble offers which you will receive from Lord Hamilton, for he had not opened his budget when I was last at Court. His Majesty shows cheerfulness and constancy in his purpose to aid you. In Paris they continue to cast dirt and lay their fault upon us. It is great cunning to accuse another beforehand of the ill they purpose to commit, to divert the eyes of the world another way. The Swedes formalized at the style of your letter to the Queen "*Carolus, &c.*," to which Mr. Berkeley was not prepared to answer. My opinion is that somewhat should be done to supple that stiff nation, especially to a lady much more capable of love and courtesy than forms of state. In punctilios no nation is so zealous; like a new gentleman who never thinks he has worship enough. There is no hope of the return of the Chancellor into Germany. He is ambitious to govern both the Queen and State. He breeds a second son almost in the hight of a prince, and has thoughts of a higher strain than ordinary. On Sunday last I went to Court. I found my Lord Marshal and the Chamberlain constant in the West India design, and they assured me his Majesty was constant if he saw his nobility and gentry really undertake it; but the progress beginning, they laid the charge upon me to make a frame against the return to Windsor. This I have undertaken. I beseech you by the Prince of Orange to procure me a brief model of the form of that company in Holland. [*Enters at great length*

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into the proposed scheme and its results, as drawing on a war with Spain.] I set forward to the Bath on Monday next for a month. Sir Richard Cave will give you an account of the business of the drowned land, and of the readiness of Mr. Attorney to serve you. Mr. Porter disputed priority for himself, but Mr. Attorney has stopped him. [*Copy.* 3¼ pp.]

July 29.
Cranford.

Sir Thomas Roe to Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia. The design of Hamburgh is happily changed to the Hague, where all our ends and desires will meet, except the presence of the Chancellor Oxenstiern, which I much affected; but he has other ambitions of his own greatness, and there is nothing to do but to hasten the convention, wherein the French will find no excuse upon his Majesty. This is the season, if the States can see it, to oblige his Majesty, and to disperse by this confederacy all the clouds of ill intelligence, and to assure the concurrence of the Crown of England against the common enemy. I am going to seek a little strength at the Bath, that I may be the better able if his Majesty please to use me in this occasion, for I will fly and leave my lameness behind me, and proclaim to all the world that there is no such cure as to be employed in your service. [*Copy. Written on the same sheet as the preceding.* ½ p.]

July 29.
The Triumph,
in the Downs.

85. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Windebank. This afternoon I receive a letter from Capt. Fielding, who is now riding in Margate Road, the foulness of the weather not suffering him to get hither. He sends me word that the fishers have refused the licences, and that he has given you account thereof. The Dunkirk frigates have done much mischief towards the west. In one morning at Torbay they put on shore 130 Frenchmen; two Hollanders they have sunk in those parts, and fired some others. His Majesty's ships rescued the other day two Holland ships homeward bound and richly laden from Farnambuke [Pernambuco], which, without their help, had been taken by those frigates. My desire that this letter may find you to-morrow at Oatlands makes me hasten it away. [1 p.]

July 29.
Fort of
Plymouth.

86. Sir Nicholas Slanning to Nicholas. Upon my arrival at Plymouth, the Dunkirker, whose prize was stayed by Capt. Stradling, came to me, desiring to know the reason of his stay, alleging that he is neither arrested nor any man has any suit against him; that Capt. Stradling has said he was sorry he had stayed him, and told him the Lord General would give order for his liberty, and that his goods perish and will come to nothing. If the case stands thus, if by some labour of yours he might be speedily cleared, you would receive his thanks. [1 p.]

July 29.
Deptford.

87. Sir William Russell to the same. There was a mistake in the report I made upon Mr. Stevens's petition, which I have rectified in the enclosed, which I entreat you to annex to the petition at the

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reading thereof. There is not any [ship-]money come in this week. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Enclosed,*

87. I. *Note of the goods bought by Edward Stevens, and at what price he sold certain portions of them, from which it appears that the masts stood him in 135l. 10s. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

July 29.
London.

88. Edward Fenn to Nicholas. There has not been any [ship-]money received since the certificate of 21st inst. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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89. Certificate of Thomas Wyan, deputy registrar of the Court of Admiralty, that, in pursuance of order of that court, Thomas Paramour, of Cheam, Surrey, and John Peacock, of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, had become sureties for Philip White (to whom the Earl of Ancram had transferred his right as assignee of letters patent, granted 1st February 1627-8 to Sir George Douglas, to recover out of the sea gold, silver, and other things); that in Michaelmas term next he, the said White, would cause the said patent to be amended in such particulars as the Lords should direct. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

July 30.
Oatlands.

90. Orders by the King for the furtherance of his service as well to packets and letters as for riding in post, specially set down and commanded to be observed, wherever posts are established within the county of [left blank]. No packets or letters were to be sent by post, but such as should be directed "For his Majesty's special affairs," and be subscribed by certain persons connected with the government, and in that case they were to be carried by the posts in post, from stage to stage, in summer seven miles, and in winter five miles, an hour, the post keeping an entry-book of such letters, having two leather bags lined with cotton or baize to carry the packet in, and horns to sound as oft as he meets and sees company coming, or four times in every mile. Every post is to carry out and in, once a week, the mail of letters that shall come from or go to the letter-office in London without charge. Thorough-posts, and persons riding in post with horn or guide, were to be furnished with horses at the post-house at the rate of 3d. per mile, beside the guide's groat. The burthen of the rider not to exceed 30 pounds. [*Printed as a broadside.* 1 p.]

July 30.
Oatlands.

91. Order of the King in Council upon the letter of Sir Robert Bannister, sheriff of co. Northampton. (*See this Vol., No. 76.*) It was ordered that Sir Robert should forthwith proceed in his collection of ship-money for this year, according to the assessment already made. [*Copy.* 1 p.]

July 30.

Notes by Nicholas of proceedings of the King in Council. The Earl of Northumberland to examine how it came to pass that the ship that carried over the Prince Elector came to be so distressed, because it is informed that [by not closing] the port-holes and other neglects of the master, the ship was in danger to be cast away. [*See Vol. ccci., No. 96.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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92. Thomas Mostyn, Sheriff of co. Flint, to Nicholas. Refers to his letter in the beginning of Trinity term last, respecting an order from the Council for John Williams, clerk, in Llanrhaiadr, co. Denbigh, to pay the writer 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, being all the arrear of his charge of ship-money. This day having received a letter from the Lords for sending up his arrear in the beginning of Michaelmas term, he states that Williams living in co. Denbigh, he could neither imprison him nor distrain upon his goods, he having nothing in co. Flint but the tithes of his rectory, which he had farmed to Mr. Lee, who is in his travel. Williams, having come home since the order, has not sent the money, and the writer thinks will not. [*Seal with crest.* 1 *p.*]

July 30.

Petition of Anne Cole, wife of Gr. Cole, to the King. Petitioner setting forth in her former petition her willingness to yield to your Majesty her jointure in the lands sold by her husband within the New Park near Richmond, supplicated your Majesty for the wardship of her son, in case her husband should happen to die and leave him within age. Now fearing her former request may be conceived to be a recompence for the said jointure, petitioner disclaims any such intention, but wholly refers herself to your bounty. Beseeches your Majesty to consider her accordingly, who wishes she may never enjoy the benefit which cannot accrue during the life of her husband, who is neither aged nor sickly, only as a token of your Majesty's favour, and for the quiet of her mind she prays this request. [*Copy.* See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 160. 1 *p.*] Underwritten,

1. Reference to Lord Cottington, master of the Court of Wards and Liveries, to certify his opinion. Oatlands, 30th July 1637. [*Copy.* Ibid., p. 161. $\frac{1}{4}$ *p.*]

July 30.
Oatlands.

Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. You cannot but hear of the loss of the Fifth Whelp, which foundered on the coast of Holland by reason of a leak. We much marvel how it happens that vessel, which came so lately out of the dock, should prove so defective, and pray you to send word which of the shipwrights had charge of repairing her last before she went to sea, and what you conceive to be the cause of so great a leak. [*Copy.* See Vol. cccliii., fol. 43 b. $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

July 30.
Oatlands.

The same to Edward Viscount Wimbledon. The great fire that happened last month in Portsmouth (see Vol. ccclxi., No. 126.) makes us apprehensive of the danger to which his Majesty's storehouses are subject; and understanding that his Majesty's anchor-house, bakehouse, and also the long storehouse, at Portsmouth, are environed with thatched houses, we pray you to take order that the owners of all thatched houses adjoining to any of his Majesty's said houses, within a short time, to be prefixed by you, cause such their houses to be covered with tile or slate. [*Copy.* Ibid. $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

July 30.
Oatlands.

The same to all Vice-Admirals and their Deputies, and others. Recites letters patent of 1st February 1627–8, whereby his Majesty granted to Sir George Douglas, for 31 years, licence for taking up gold, silver, and other things out of the sea, reserving to his

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Majesty a tenth part of the profit. Sir George, on 28th June 1628, transferred all his interest to Robert Earl of Ancram, who has deputed Thomas Paramour and Philip White, engineer, to perform the said work. You are to suffer Paramour and White to proceed in the said work and to assist in its execution. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 44. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

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93. The Council to each of the Sheriffs of 18 counties of England, thereafter named. There is yet unpaid of ship-money for that county under writ in August 1635 [blank to be filled up with the amount], and the sheriffs your predecessors forbear to raise it, supposing they are freed in regard they have returned upon his Majesty's writ of certiorari the names of such as have not paid. You are to send to your said predecessors warrants to levy the said arrear and to send it to the Treasurer of the Navy with all diligence. Persons who have paid in the Exchequer are to be spared; as to the rest his Majesty is resolved that none upon shifts or delays shall escape payment towards so good a work, which is not only legal in itself, but honourable for the kingdom. [*Copy. Underwritten is a list of the 18 counties in arrear, with the sum due from each. 1 p.*]

[July 31.]

Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Peruse letters and certificates from Sir Henry Marten and the Officers of the Navy, upon references to them. Consider an order touching the survey of castles and forts taken by the Earl of Newport; also Sir Henry Marten's report touching the Earl of Portland, calendared under the 25th inst., No. 55. There claim to be rewarded out of this, Newland, Richard Wyan, Dr. Mason, Thomas Wyan; the Lords are engaged that all these shall be satisfied. Resolve what shall be done about Polhill's business upon Sir Henry Marten's reports. Consider Capt. Butler's petition for release. There are a few petitions in hand these three weeks and more. The gunner of the Merhonour being dead, there are divers gunners to be removed. [*See this present Vol., No. 40, [1 $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*]

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The Triumph,
in the Downs.

94. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Windebank. The Mayflower, now in his Majesty's service, has brought hither two sloops of Calais, which she found pilfering about Dunkirk upon the 27th inst. One of them in her sight boarded a Hamburgh hoy, which the captain of the Mayflower thought not fit to suffer unquestioned. Being amongst the sands he could not come near them with his ship, but manned out his two boats, and so rowed up to them. The hoy was chased in thither by this sloop, all her letters being directed to merchants of Dover, and her goods consigned for that place. The master of the sloop said that part of the hoy's lading being powder and shot, he conceived her to be bound for Dunkirk, and that those letters and cockets were only to disguise the matter. Because I would be more assured of the truth, I sent for the merchants of Dover to whom the goods were said to be consigned, who all affirm that really they were to come first to

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Dover. Nothing appearing to the contrary, I have released the hoy and sent her to Dover, conditionally that these merchants shall be answerable for all that is in her; but having received order for staying vessels of Calais, I could not discharge this sloop without direction. The other sloop, the captain said, did the same evening, in sight likewise of his Majesty's ship, rifle an English bark, laden with oranges and lemons, from London. The sloop being pursued by his Majesty's ship, had no way to save herself, but to fly for sanctuary to the Holland fleet that was riding there; she run aboard the Vice-Admiral, to whom our captain sent to demand her; they would return no answer until a Council of War was called, which being ended, they absolutely refused to deliver her. The Hollanders then took all things out of her, not leaving so much as a sail, and then veered her out at his stern; in this manner the captain found her, and brought her away with him. These relations I leave to his Majesty's consideration. A ship that arrived there from St. Lucar brings news that the new town of Sallee is certainly rendered up to the Saint, for before this merchant came away they had letters that it could no longer hold out, and that in three or four days it would be yielded up, but what conditions Capt. Rainsborough has made, the letters mention not. The ship that came out with the letter of marque against the French took the other day a ship coming home from the Bank [Newfoundland]. According to yours of the 27th inst., I have taken care for release of the three Dunkirk prisoners at Dover. [*Copy.* 2¼ pp.]

July 31. 95. Copy of that part of the above letter concerning the detention of the two sloops of Calais by the Mayflower. [2 pp.]

July 31. 96. Copy of a portion of the foregoing. [½ p.]

July 31. 97. Peter Heywood and 22 other inhabitants of Westminster to Lord Keeper Coventry. We are suitors to you to take us into your consideration in the part we are to bear with Middlesex in the shipping-money the next year, and the rather, for that God has laid his heavy hand of the plague upon us, not only the last year, but also at present, whereby the increase of the poor and the charge is extreme, the ordinary sort of inhabitants being much burthened, and the better sort having removed their habitations. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

July 31. 98. The same to Nicholas. Similar letter to the preceding. Westminster. [*Nicholas has endorsed the particulars of their assessment. The second year it was 1,300l., the county being 5,500l. Last year it was 1,180l., the county being abated 500l. This year both Westminster and the county were assessed as in the year preceding.* 1 p.]

July 31. 99. Robert Reade to the same. Sec. Windebank desires you to Oatlands. draw a letter, to be signed by the Lords of the Admiralty and directed to Capt. Stradling, authorizing him to waft over Signor

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Nicolaldi, the Spanish Resident, and protect him from any inconvenience in his passage. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

99. 1. *Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. Henry Stradling. Rough draft by Nicholas of the letter above alluded to.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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100. Certificate of Sir Nathaniel Brent, warden of Merton College, Oxford, and 14 fellows of the same college, to the good scholarship and morals of Richard Nevill, M.A., and fellow of that college, and his attachment to the Church of England. [1 p.]

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101. Petition of Richard Hinde, B.D., and minister of Long Ditton, Surrey, to Archbishop Laud. About two years and nine months since, petitioner was placed by the bishop of the diocese and his chancellor to officiate there during the suspension of Richard Byfield, the incumbent. Petitioner has received many indignities from Sir Thomas Evelyn, patron of the said church, and his lady and family, which he passed over with silence until Friday the 7th inst., when, having read morning prayer in the said church, Dame Ann Evelyn, wife of Sir Thomas, immediately after divine service ended, came out of her seat, and using some words with an angry countenance to the parish clerk, she turned to the seat where petitioner still remained, and with a loud voice and disdainful gesture, in the presence of the congregation, uttered these words, "You are a base man, and a base unworthy priest; you have abused me basely, and your base carriage and usage of me shall not any longer be endured." Whereupon petitioner mildly admonished the lady to remember the place where she was, yet she continued reproaching petitioner and others present in the same words, and many other vilifying speeches both in the church and churchyard, which words, spoken without any cause given, and uttered in that public manner and sacred place, petitioner takes to be a great reproach to his ministerial office, a contempt to the priesthood, and an insufferable indignity to the house of God, and deeming it unfit to be silent, and not able to prosecute suit for redress, presents the cause to your Grace to order as you shall think fit. [1 p.] *Endorsed,*

101. 1. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to take order that letters missive be awarded for the lady above mentioned to answer in the High Commission Court, or to put petitioner upon any other way that he shall think most fitting. July 31st 1637.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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Shenton.

102. Robert Viscount Kilmorey to the same. My late father gave by will 100 marks to Richard Cheshire, and made me sole executor, but I deny that I ought to pay the legacy for these reasons. If it be for me to pay, it must be raised out of my father's lands or goods; not out of his lands, because they came to me by conveyance and as joint purchaser; not out of his goods, because the inventory of them came but to 2,121*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*, and his debts upon specialties to 3,124*l.* 3*s.*, besides 211*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* interest due in my father's lifetime. All which I have since paid, or given new

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security for, and therefore am not compellable to pay any legacies at all. The truth of this is proved in a cause in Chancery commenced against me for a supposed debt by Mary Townshend. Cheshire should have told you that on 9th July 1633, coming to me for his legacy, I related to him the condition of my father's estate; but, compassionating him, I freely gave him between 18*l.* and 19*l.*, which he received very thankfully, in full satisfaction of all demands. [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

July 31. 103-104. See "Returns made by Justices of the Peace."

July. Grant of an alms-room in Trinity College, Cambridge, to Richard Evans. [*Docquet.*]

[July ?] 105. Petition of Sir Anthony Buggs to the King. The King had ordered the passing of a lease to petitioner of certain encroached lands in co. Denbigh, formerly found after divers commissions at the suit of petitioner. Forasmuch as his Majesty has not expressed for what term of years the lease should be passed, petitioner, in conformity with a recommendation of the commissioners for Wales touching the granting of such lands, prays for a lease for 31 years. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

[July.] 106. Lord Keeper Coventry to the Keeper of the Castle of Lancaster. To receive from the Warden of the Fleet the body of Henry Burton, who, by decree of the Star Chamber of the 14th June last, is to suffer perpetual imprisonment in the castle of Lancaster, and none to have access to him there but by licence of his Majesty or the Council, and that he keeps him in the said castle, according to the direction of the said decree, and that he takes care that Burton be not admitted at any time during the said imprisonment to have use of pen, ink, or paper, nor of other books but the Bible and Book of Common Prayer, and such other books of devotion as are consonant to the doctrine of the Church of England. [*Signed, but not dated.* 1 *p.*]

July. 107. [Robert] Atherall to [Algernon Earl of Northumberland?]. Complains of the loss his Majesty suffers by the remissness of those who provide cordage for the navy, especially in buying wrought stuff falsely made, in letting his covered rope-house at Woolwich to the East India Company, and buying ropes ready made in open grounds where it is subject to wind, sun, and rain, and in paying an unreasonable price to the rope merchants from whom he buys. So also his Majesty is abused in match, paying 42*l.* a ton for what the writer would supply at 32*l.* if allowed to make it in his Majesty's rope-yard. [*Endorsed by Nicholas as coming from Mr. Atherall.* 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

[July.] 108. Rough draft, with many alterations in the handwriting of Nicholas, of an intended order of the Lords of the Admiralty [?], in reference to Mr. Evelyn's unsettled account as gunpowder-maker from 1621 to 1635. It recites facts already stated in our notice of a certificate of the Commissioners of Gunpowder to the King, dated July 8th inst. (*see before, p. 294*), but does not proceed beyond the

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recitals. [*Endorsed is a memorandum of Nicholas that on the 20th October 1637 he delivered to Mr. Evelyn for the Attorney-General the papers recited in the draft now calendared. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

July.

109. Petition of Cornelius Gisbets Vango and John le Gouch and Company, of Amsterdam, merchants, to the Lords of the Admiralty. In February 1633-4 the *Rose*, of Amsterdam, Outgar Martissen master, was cast away in Sussex, near Newhaven, yet eight of the mariners escaped to shore, whereby the ship and goods did not become wreck. Several commissions of inquiry were issued out of the Court of Admiralty, but Jonas Legg, of Colchester, agent for the owners, not being able to produce the marks of the goods which were defaced, Richard Wyan, proctor of the Admiralty, had, without the knowledge of Legg, sent a commission down to prize and sell the goods, to the prejudice of petitioners, the true owners. Pray an order to have their goods restored to them. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

[July.]

110. The Rev. George Garrard to Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh. A letter for the most part irrecoverably destroyed by damp. It contained allusions to the recent marriage of Lord Russell, and the approaching marriage of the Duke of Lennox with Lady Mary Herbert [Villiers?]. The only passage that at all approaches completeness is the following:—"The cropt libellers [are all sent] off; warrant sent from the Lords of the Council to the several sheriffs of the counties to receive and place them according to the decree of the Star Chamber. Also Dr. Leighton, who is *homo ejusdem farinae*, who hath been long a prisoner in the Fleet, he is also ordered to be sent away to some remote part of the kingdom, there to spend the rest of his days in prison. Your friend Robin Williams mends a pace—goes on crutches already." [*Seal with crest. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

July.

111. List, in the handwriting of Sir John Lambe, "of the twenty printers for the Star Chamber decree," with notes upon several of them. Of Nicholas Oakes it is said that he was the printer of the book that was lately burnt; his son John Oakes was recommended in his room. Of Augustine Matthews it is stated that he was taken reprinting the Holy Table; Marmaduke Parsons was suggested in his place. William Jones is described as "a printer of all unlawful books," and therefore put out; Thomas Paine may be in his room. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

July.

112. Return by James Styles, constable of Ashted, Surrey, that John Bragg, of that parish, denied to pay 13*d.* assessed towards relief of the poor visited people of Southwark. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

July.

113. Brief of proofs of Arent Derrickson and company, for their goods taken in the *Pelican* and the *Salvador*, of Hamburgh, captured by Capt. Man in the ship the *Discovery*, by letters of reprisal, in the manner stated in the petition of the factors and merchants of Dover, calendared in the present Vol., No. 10. The ships were taken, not upon the open seas, but near the English shore, within shot of a small piece of ordnance, within half a league of the

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shore, and within sight of Dover Castle, between the Slings and Dover. [1 p.]

July.

114. Petition of Augustine Matthews to Sir John Lambe, Sir Nathaniel Brent, and Dr. Duck, commissioners concerning the printers of London. Petitioner has for 17 years held a printing-house from John White, son of William White, who was admitted a printer by Archbishop Whitgift, petitioner paying John White 20*l.* per annum for his life. He has paid the same, thinking that under that title he might have enjoyed the printing-house during the life of the said John. Understanding he has committed a great error, he prays the commissioners to be a means with Archbishop Laud that he may be admitted as a master printer. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

[July ?]

115. Dr. Daniel Price, Dean of Hereford, to William Dell. Prays Dell to put the archbishop in mind to answer the Bishop of Hereford's letter; that the dean, who has no official, and exercises the jurisdiction himself, may compound with the chancellor, and the dean's registrar with the bishop's registrar, and that if the prebends do not exercise jurisdiction in any of their peculiars, the dean may call them into his court. [*Apparently unfinished. Endorsed by William Dell.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

[July ?]

116. Account of moneys owing by William Hunton, to be paid by Mr. Audeley as the purchase money for the manor of Bushton [Bishopstone]. [1 p.]

[July ?]

117. Petition of Francis Theobald to the Council. Sir Richard and Sir Walter Tichborne for the proper debt of Sir Richard long forborne, notwithstanding his protection, well knowing that the pretences thereof were but to secure him from Sir John Philpot's debts, he desiring first to pay his own, of which petitioner's is one, and so not within the verge of his protection, in Trinity term last, acknowledged a judgment to petitioner of 600*l.*, defeasanced, that if Sir Richard made default in payment of petitioner's debt on the first day of this month, being the longest day, waving thereby the benefit of his protection, petitioner was to take the benefit of his judgment. Sir Richard having neglected to pay, petitioner prays that he may take the said benefit according to law. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

[July ?]

118. Proposal by new undertakers to take a lease of the forest of Deane at an increase of 2,000*l.* per annum rent. [*This is another copy of Vol. ccclxi., No. 48. i. 1 p.*]

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119–128. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

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Aug. 1.
Wells.

1. Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells, William Bassett, sheriff of Somerset, and John Malet, the late sheriff, to the Council. Report under order of the 20th May last, on complaint of the inhabitants of the hundred of Wellow, Somerset, concerning an over-rate of 40*l.*, alleged to have been imposed upon them by William Coxe, under-sheriff of John Malet, more than was laid upon them by Henry Hodges, the preceding sheriff. We find that the 40*l.* was not imposed upon them by Coxe, but was left in arrear by Hodges, and only demanded by Coxe. Hodges alleged that he imposed the 40*l.* more by warrant; but Brooker, the complainant, denies it, and it has not appeared that any such warrant was received. Therefore we have ordered Hodges to pay the 40*l.*, and be relieved hereafter, when he shall make proof of the delivery of the warrant. Further, we find that by the ancient Henton rate, the hundred of Wellow is to pay for this service after a man and a half, 120*l.*; and the liberty of Norton St. Philip, which is within the said hundred, half a man, which comes to 40*l.*; therefore the hundred and liberty are to find two men, which comes to 160*l.*, and so we have ordered for this year; but whether the liberty shall be joined to the hundred in time to come, we leave to your direction. [1½ *p.*]

Aug. 1.
Wells.

2. The same to the same. Similar report under order of 21st May last (*see Vol. ccclvii., No. 7*), on the complaint of the inhabitants of the hundred of Chewton. By the ancient Henton rate, Chewton is to pay but for two men, viz., 160*l.*; but by the usual practice of a later rate made by the justices of peace many years ago, the said hundred has found three men, which comes to 240*l.*, and the present sheriff has made the assessment accordingly. Mr. Hodges assessed the hundred at 240*l.*, but altered his account with Mr. Malet after he was out of office, wherein he showed his great weakness, and gave occasion to this complaint. We have ordered 240*l.* to be paid for last year and the present year. Whether it shall be reduced for the time to come, we leave to your direction. [1 *p.*]

Aug. 1.
Wells.

3. The same to the same. Similar report under order of the same day (*see Ibid., No. 6*), on complaint of the hundred of Milverton. By Henton rate, Milverton was to find two men, viz., in money, 160*l.*; but by a later rate made by the justices of peace it was abated one man, viz., 80*l.*; but on what hundred that one man should be laid the complainants have not showed, therefore we have ordered them to pay 160*l.*, and that that assessment shall continue. [1 *p.*]

Aug. 1.
Wells.

4. The same to the same. Similar report under order of the same date (*see Ibid., No. 5*), on complaint of the hundreds of Bruton and Norton Ferris. By Henton rate, those hundreds are to pay for four men 320*l.*; but we find a constant practice for many years that those hundreds have paid but a third part of the two hundreds of Horethorne and Catsash, and thereupon they should be eased in the sums complained of. We have ordered for the present despatch of

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this service that they shall pay the ancient rate of 320*l.* for the last year, whereof much is in arrear, and also the same for this year; but we conceive they are overcharged, and should be eased according to their complaint. [1 p.]

Aug. 1.

5. Sec. Windebank to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. Your despatch of the 29th July, finding me at Oatlands, gave me occasion to acquaint his Majesty with it, who commanded me to signify to you, that with such part of the fleet as you shall think fit, you are to stand to the west, and to visit all those coasts, leaving a competent number of ships in the Downs. In your passage you are to give frequent advice of all occurrences, and upon your return to give speedy notice of it. If, in your passage, you understand that any of the fleet may be of use to Capt. Rainsborough at Sallee, you are to send two or three ships thither. And because it appears by your despatch that the Dunkirkers have of late done much mischief to the French and Hollanders, you shall give relief to the subjects and vessels of either of those nations as you shall find them in distress. His Majesty is very well pleased with the rescue of the two Hollanders that came from Fernambuck [Pernambuco]. Nevertheless, if any of the fishers of Holland which have refused his Majesty's licences shall be assaulted by the Dunkirkers, his Majesty will in nowise that you protect them. To this purpose I signified his Majesty's pleasure to you on the 28th July, from Windsor, and then I sent you a letter from his Majesty and a despatch received from Capt. Fielding. His Majesty understands that those of Calais are willing to make restitution of the Irish ship lately taken by them, upon condition that they may have 200*l.* for the charge of the arrest and the remaining of the ship there all this while. His Majesty expects that entire restitution be made of the ship and goods without any such allowance, which is held most unreasonable. The two enclosed are from the Earl of Holland and Mr. Percy, your brother. P.S.—You will give conveyance to the enclosed, written by his Majesty's command to Capt. Rainsborough. [*Draft. Endorsed, "Answer to the Earl of Northumberland; at Bagshot." 3 pp.*]

Aug. 1.
Lon[don].

6. Sir William Killigrew to Sec. Windebank. If you knew how nearly I am concerned in these 600 acres you would excuse my boldness, which makes me complain of yourself to yourself, for I plainly see that you are cold for me and warm for Sir William Becher, and to put you in mind that my hopes were built on the favour I expected from you, who delivered my first petition, and procured me a favourable reference, and at that time thought me the first speaker. I thought it better manners in a word to Mr. Reade to express how grateful I would be than to yourself, and the sooner because I had shown that I could be so, in the Earl of Lindsey's compliment to you, which I allowed of merely out of my respects to yourself, for my interest therein is more than the Earl's, or any man's. I shall be as sorry to be justly thought ungrateful as to lose my suit. At the rate Sir William Becher desires it, it will not bear the name of a courtesy; he offers a valuable consideration. I beseech you to take notice that I will help his Majesty to 400*l.* a

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year for the 600 acres, at which rate you do him a small courtesy and me a great prejudice, for my 50*l.* is much more than his 400*l.* [1 *p.*]

Aug. 1.
York.

7. Justices of Peace for the North Riding of co. York to the Council of the North. According to your letters of the 10th June last, we cannot find that ever this part of the county has contributed with the bishopric of Durham in any charge; and when the North Riding has had a far greater charge, namely, in leading timber and other materials to his Majesty's house at York, it had no help from that county, and we do not conceive but that that county may as well bear that charge without our help, as we have done a greater without help from them. [1 *p.*]

Aug. 1.
Barrington.

8. William Strode to Nicholas. I received your letter with the order. Thanks for your good advice, wherewith I have complied, and given the bishop full satisfaction, which he acknowledged in the presence of the sheriff, but would give me no letter of it to the Lords. He told me he must certify that himself. The charge I have also paid, but to pay for my own goods twice, and the rates besides, I cannot, neither indeed is it demanded of me nor complained on to the bishop, for the money was never out of the constable's hand. That clause and the word "shifts" were not very pleasing to me. For the business, it is worse out of order than ever, the bishop's certificate having so animated the raters (who are the constables) that our tithing from its ancient hundred rate of 11*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* was first raised to 15*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* (which was that I complained on and was commanded to pay), and now they have raised it to 20*l.*, and my particular from 18*s.* came to 24*s.*, and now is made 3*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, and we are threatened to be raised higher, so that, if this be paid also, we shall have no end of alterations. We conceive the ground of rates to be either law or custom, which alterations will utterly destroy, and those that endeavour them will find it will disorder and hinder his Majesty's service. For the equity of rates, if we are raised where we are thought too little, let our neighbours go with us, and let us be pulled down where we are known to be too much, and such new rates shall very well content me; but to make one pay much and another little, for the like, that can never continue, which is my case. I have hitherto paid more than some of my neighbours that have five times my estates. [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

Aug. 1.
Dover Castle.

9. Theophilus, Earl of Suffolk, Constable of Dover Castle, and Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, to the Mayors of Hastings and Rye; the bailiff of Lydd; the bailiffs of Pevensey and Seaford; and also to John Barley, John Crump, and William Lovell, jurats of Hastings; Mark Thomas, John Nowdell, and Joseph Benbrigge, jurats of Rye; Thomas Stronghill, the elder, William Godfrey, and John Couchman, jurats of Lydd; Abraham Kenchley, George Carleton, and Thomas Weller, jurats of Pevensey; Sackville Porter, Thomas Elphick, the elder, and John Tayler, jurats of Seaford; and John Jacob, sergeant of the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports.

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Recites that a wrecked ship, laden with oils and other goods, and furnished with ordnance, has lately been driven on ground near Seaford, within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports, and many of the said goods and other things had been driven on shore and been taken up. The persons addressed are to return an inventory and valuation of the same. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

9. I. *Inventory and appraisement taken at Seaford, 3rd August 1637. Total, 1,968l. 13s. 4d. [1 p.]*

9. II. *The like, taken at Pevensey, 4th August 1637. Total, 66l. [1 p.]*

9. III. *The like, taken at Hastings, 4th August 1637. Total, 132l. [1 p.]*

9. IV. *The like, taken at Lydd, 5th August 1637. Total, 22l. [1 p.]*

Aug. 1. 10. Separate copies of the four inventories and appraisements annexed to the preceding article. [= 3½ pp.]

Aug. 1. 11. W. B. to Dr. Turner, at his chamber in Merton College [Oxford]. By the college statutes the writer is bound to denounce the warden to the visitor, if, on account of dilapidation or any other reasonable cause, he ought to be put out. Desires the opinion of Dr. Turner whether it be incongruous to petition the visitor to consider whether the following actions of the warden [Sir Nathaniel Brent] fall within the compass of this statute, as constituting dilapidation or no. The statement comprises seven items of charge, principally arising out of pecuniary transactions between the warden and the college. He had borrowed 120l. to repair a mill demised to him, and after 14 years had not repaid the same. He had put the college to 300l. expense in furnishing a house for him in London, which he quitted in a short time, and the expense was lost. His rendering irrecoverable certain arrears of rents due to the college to the amount of 123l. 4s. 4d. His engaging the college in law suits to the loss of 223l. His omitting to get in 57l. out of 130l. due to the college from some of the company. His suffering the college rents to remain unpaid. Excessive charge to which he has put the college in fuel, the amount last year being 54l. 14s. 6d. more than the college spent in hall and kitchen by 3l. or 4l. [1½ p.]

Aug. 1. 12-13. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

Aug. 2. 14. Officers of the Navy to Nicholas. Having sent our warrants for George Sheires, for refusing the carriage of ship-timber according to the Council order, the enclosed certificate from the sheriff of Surrey and the messengers' affidavit herein sent will acquaint you with his behaviour, wherewith we entreat you to acquaint the Lords. [¾ p.] *Enclosed,*

14. I. *Certificate of Sir Anthony Vincent. Edmund Barker, one of the messengers, coming on 13th July to George Sheires, of Great Bookham, Surrey, charged him to obey a warrant of the Officers of the Navy, and to go with him*

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to the said officers. Sheires refused, saying he had no horse that he could ride, and also refused to use Barker's horse, but in conclusion it was agreed that Barker should go that night to Leatherhead, and that Sheires would call upon him the morning following by seven of the clock, and so both ride together to Chatham. Sheires threatened to question Barker for the execution of this service. Stoke, 14th July 1637. [1 p.]

14. II. *Affidavit of Edmund Barker.* States the above facts more minutely, and with various additional particulars. Sheires in the first place refused to obey the warrant because he was the King's servant. Instead of performing his promise to ride with Barker from Leatherhead, Sheires left home that morning an hour earlier, and rode to Chatham another way without giving the officer any notice. On Barker's return to Chatham he found Sheires had been there, but was gone away to London, and Barker has been since unable to meet with him. Sworn 17th July 1637. [1½ p.]

Aug. 2.

15. Minute of the petition of the Bookbinders of London, presented [to Archbishop Laud] at Croydon. They prayed that no books might be sent into the country in quires to be bound; that it should be ordered what books are to be bound in sheep, and that there may be a certain price set down by the company in a table and fixed in Stationers' Hall; that there may be a restraint of binding apprentices; and that bookbinders free of other companies than the Stationers may be conformable to the orders of the Stationers' Company. [¾ p.]

Aug. 3.
Peterborough.

16. Bishop Dee, of Peterborough, to the Council. Report in conformity with order of the Board of the 30th April last, on petitions of inhabitants of the hundreds of Rothwell and Guilsborough, co. Northampton. The referees for the hundreds and Sir Robert Banastre, the sheriff, meeting on 18th July, and somewhat dissenting in opinion, made their addresses to the bishop and tendered the letter of the Lords, and a representation of the business, wherein Lord Brudenell and Sir Robert Hatton, the referees for the hundreds, had taken great pains. On 26th July certificate was sent to the bishop by Thomas Tyrrell and Richard Sherte, clerk, referees for the sheriff. The bishop states his own subsequent proceedings, and that he should this week have settled the proceedings for the sheriff, had not he the last evening presented the bishop with the copy of a later order given by the Lords the last Sunday. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Aug. 3.

17. Officers of Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. According to your warrant, we required the master shipwrights to certify which of them repaired the Fifth Whelp before she went last to sea, who returned answer that Mr. Apslin had charge of her (whose skill and fidelity we esteem to equal any of the masters), but the pinnace

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at first being built by great for a particular service of mean sappy timber, we conceive in that great storm by her working in the sea that unhappy disaster happened, for we have had sufficient experience of the weakness of all the Whelps, which occasioned extraordinary charge to maintain them this long. For the Lords' better satisfaction, we enclose the masters' certificate, who have likewise estimated the charge in repairing the Nicodemus frigate at 130*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, the Earl of Northumberland having for her weakness and leakiness sent her into Chatham, desiring that if she could have been repaired in a few days to return her to the fleet, otherwise to discharge her men, who were paid off the beginning of last week. [1 p.] *Enclosed,*

17. I. *Edward Boate, Nathaniel Applin, and Augustine Boate, master shipwrights, to Officers of the Navy. Certify as above stated respecting the last repairs of the Fifth Whelp and the cause of her disaster. 2nd August 1637. [Endorsed as being the request of Robert Whetnall, on behalf of Sir William Russell, for Mr. Surveyor [Kenrick Edisbury] to draw a letter to the Lords in conformity with the certificate of the master shipwrights. 1 p.]*

Aug. 4.
The Triumph,
in the Downs.

18. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Windebank. I am preparing to obey his Majesty's directions received by your letter of 1st inst., and resolve to lose no time in plying towards the west. Upon Monday next, at the farthest, I intend with the greatest part of the fleet to set sail if the wind will suffer us. For guard of these parts I leave six or seven ships under Capt. Fogg, unto whom you may direct your despatches. We will be able to make but a short stay in those seas, except the winds afford us a speedy passage thither. The victuals in some of our greatest ships (out of which the Mary Rose and Roebuck were furnished) end 27th Sept.; other ships are provided for a week longer. If no command be sent me to the contrary, I will so order my return that the ships may not want provisions to carry them to the places where they are to be laid up for the winter. It is conceived that the sending more ships to Sallee would be to little purpose, for we judge that the work there is already done, and that Capt. Rainsborough will be come away before they can get to him. That those of the town would more willingly have put themselves and their castle into the King's hand than have rendered it to the Saint is very probable, but Capt. Rainsborough is neither provided with men nor munition to hold it, nor can the going of two or three ships now from the fleet supply him. There will be want of landmen and other necessities for holding it. Unless some of these ships go expressly thither, I cannot think of any means for the conveyance of Windebank's letter, for in this time there is no trading thither. If it be the King's pleasure that some of these ships be despatched away, I will take the best care I can for supplying them out of the other ships. Now that I have told my opinion concerning this proposition, I leave it to his Majesty's resolution, and desire to know it as soon as may be; till

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then I will keep your letter. Two sloops of Calais were by one of the King's ships brought in here the other day. I will give order to Capt. Fogg to prosecute his Majesty's former commands in continuing to look after those of Calais, until I receive directions to the contrary. [*Endorsed by Windebank, "Rec[eived] 6th, at 8 in the morning; answered 10th, from Westminster." 2½ pp.*]

Aug. 4.

19. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

Aug. 5.

Oatlands.

20. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Consider what shall be done with Capt. Buller, who is in the prison of the Marshalsea, where the plague is. The gunner of the Merhonour is lately dead, and divers gunners are suitors to be removed into that ship out of lesser; settle this place to prevent danger of infection which such persons may bring to Court. Consider Sir Henry Marten's report touching the moiety of the silver claimed by the Earl of Portland, as taken up in his vice-admiralty. There claim to be rewarded out of this, Newland, as a salvor, Richard Wyan, the King's Proctor, Dr. Mason, Judge of that vice-admiralty, and Thomas Wyan, the registrar. Sir William Russell's answer to reference on Stevens's petition about masts. Peruse Sir Henry Marten's report on the shipwrights' petition and others referred to him by the Lords. [*1½ p.*]

Aug. 5.

Oatlands.

Lords of Admiralty to Sir Henry Marten. Upon consideration of your certificate concerning the loss sustained by Nicholas Polhill and his partners from the inhabitants of Rotterdam, finding the same to be only under your hand, we pray you to certify the same under your hand and seal of office, that according to his Majesty's pleasure we may give order to issue letters of reprisal. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 44. ½ p.*]

Aug. 5.

Oatlands.

Order of the Lords of the Admiralty. That Capt. Richard Buller put in 500*l.* bail in the Admiralty Court, to answer his fault in suffering a frigate of Calais to take from under his convoy an Irish vessel which he had command to waft to Dunkirk; and upon certificate that such bail is given, he is to be set at liberty. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 44 b. ½ p.*]

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Lords of the Admiralty to the Keeper of the Marshalsea. To set at liberty Capt. Richard Buller, he paying all fees. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 44 b. ¼ p.*]

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Oatlands.

The same to [Montjoy Earl of Newport]. To permit James Pickering, Capt. John Hyde, Arnold Brames, and William Ledgant, owners of the Dover Merchant, of 350 tons, to supply the same with 32 pieces of iron ordnance from the founder's store. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 44 b. ½ p.*]

Aug. 5.

Oatlands.

The same to Robert Smith, messenger. To arrest Thomas Mayden and William Hooke, of St. Mary Magdalen, in or near Redriffe [Rotherhithe], and carry them to the Keeper of the Marshalsea, to be kept in safe custody until further order. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 45. ½ p.*]

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Aug. 5. Lords of the Admiralty to Keeper of the Marshalsea. To take
Oatlands. into his custody Thomas Mayden and William Hooke. [*Copy.*
See Vol. cccliii., fol. 45 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Aug. 5. The same to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. The Earl of
Oatlands. Newport, Master of the Ordnance, is to repair to Jersey and
Guernsey for his Majesty's service, and is to be transported thither.
You are to give order to the captain of one of the ships of your fleet
to repair to Portsmouth to receive him aboard on the 25th inst., and
to transport him to such places in the said isles as he shall direct,
and attend there to bring him back to Portsmouth or the Downs, as
he shall think convenient. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 45 b. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

Aug. 5. The same to the same. We have convented before us Capt.
Oatlands. Richard Buller, and heard what he could say. He confesses that
the French frigate was no bigger nor had no more ordnance than
the Nicodemus, whereof he was captain, and that the Irish vessel
was to leeward of the Nicodemus when the French frigate boarded
her. He does not give any satisfactory reason why he did not
pursue the French frigate after he had first encountered her, which if
he had done, she could not have had time to have boarded a vessel
which was under his lee. And therefore, finding he has drawn a
great disgrace on the King's service, we have committed him to the
Marshalsea, and intend to have him further prosecuted. We under-
stand that the ship that transported the Prince Elector was much
distressed in that employment, and more through the neglect of the
master and some other of the officers than by the storm, insomuch
as she was in danger to have been cast away. We are to desire you
to certify by whose fault the said ship ran so great a hazard. Con-
cerning the loss of the Fifth Whelp, we hold it very requisite that
it should not be passed over without inquiry, which we pray you
also to certify us, that thereupon we may take order for prevention
of the like neglect for the future. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 45 b. $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

Aug. 5. The same to Thomas Thornhill. We have deputed Richard
Oatlands. Bagnall to make saltpetre in Hants. The deputation formerly
granted to you to work that county expired the 31st July
last, from which time Bagnall's deputation is to begin. We require
you not only to desist making saltpetre in counties for which your
deputation is expired, but to deliver into his Majesty's store all such
saltpetre as by virtue of the said deputation you have made.
[*Draft by Nicholas. See Vol. ccclxiv., No. 46. 1 p.*]

Aug. 5. Copy of the same. [*See Vol. cccliii., fol. 46 b. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

Aug. 5. Another copy of the same. [*See Vol. ccxcii., fol. 68. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

Aug. 5. Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Earl of Newport. We have
Oatlands. appointed Robert Bacon to be master gunner of the Merhonour.
You are to order a survey of all gunner's stores aboard the same,
and cause the same to be delivered to the said Robert Bacon. [*Copy.*
See Vol. cccliii., fol. 47. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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Aug. 5. Minute of a similar letter to deliver the gunner's stores of the Dieu Repulse to Gerard Dalby, appointed master gunner in place of Robert Bacon. [See Vol. cccliii., fol. 47. $\frac{1}{6}$ p.]

Aug. 5. The like of a similar letter to deliver the gunner's stores of the Adventure to Nicholas Oliver, appointed master gunner in place of Gerard Dalby. [Ibid. $\frac{1}{6}$ p.]

Aug. 5. The like to deliver the stores of the Second Whelp to William Copple, appointed master gunner in place of Nicholas Oliver. [Ibid. $\frac{1}{6}$ p.]

Aug. 5. Putney Park. 21. William Lake to Sec. Windebank. I enclose copy of my former petition, which the Duke of Lennox presented to his Majesty. I hope you will find my demands such as his Majesty may approve of. He may be possessed that I acquired some very great estate under my master, the late Lord Treasurer, but it was far otherwise. I was always more careful of my honour and my own honesty than of increasing my fortune. My main hope was that by my Lord's means I might have obtained some grant from his Majesty, which might have eased me of the trouble of being a suitor now. I know that his Lordship meant me some good in that place which Witherings now enjoys, whereof I give a little touch in my petition. How I missed it, *nescio quid, nec quare*. I entreat that when you move his Majesty on my behalf you would affirm that all the fortune I got does not amount to above 5,000*l.*, which is but a small thing to maintain myself, my wife, and six children. Neither will I be so immoderate in my suit as to desire more than what the late King once thought me worthy of; I mean the place for the Latin tongue. [Seal with arms. 1 p.]

Aug. 5. 22. Edward Fenn to Nicholas. 150*l.* from the sheriff of co. Warwick is all that has been paid since the last certificate of 21st July. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Aug. 5. 23. Petition of Sir Thomas Evelyn, of Long Ditton, Surrey, to Archbishop Laud. Recites petition of Richard Hinde, B.D. (See Vol. ccclxiv., No. 101.) Petitioner has endeavoured to encourage Hinde and his ministry at Ditton, not only himself, his wife, and family being constant hearers of him, both at morning and evening prayers, but petitioner has also used his authority to others to invite them to the like duty, and whensoever Hinde had occasion to use petitioner he was always ready to supply his wants. Notwithstanding all which, Hinde has of late gone about to disgrace petitioner and his wife, and gave her ill language in the church of Ditton, and has neglected his duty. Petitioner is loath to convent him by suit in law, in respect that he is curate of petitioner's parish, and may be much impoverished thereby. Beseeches your Grace that Sir John Lambe may determine all business between them, and if petitioner's wife have done Hinde wrong she shall make satisfaction, and if on the other side Hinde has misbehaved

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himself, petitioner doubts not but, upon the admonition of Sir John, he will be reformed. *Underwritten,*

23. I. "*I think the prayer of this petition modest and reasonable, and therefore I desire Sir John Lambe to take it into consideration, together with Mr. Hinde's petition, and sometime in Michaelmas term to appoint a time to hear all differences privately and make a peaceable end if he can, or give me an account what he finds, that some further course may be taken according to justice.* W. CANT. August 5, 1637." [1 p.]

Aug. 5.

24. Bishop Juxon, Lord Treasurer, to the Mayor and others of Bristol. Your complaint of your Searcher's patent, and his Majesty's reference to me, most of you know. My endeavour was that the King's officer might receive fit maintenance, and the merchants receive no pressure. This made myself and Baron Denham (whom I called unto me to hear that business) to resolve to moderate the fees of the former patent to 200*l.* a year. His Majesty approving the same, I made my reference to the farmers how it might best be settled, which reference and their report thereupon the sergeant will now acquaint you with, and I wish it a fair accommodation among yourselves. [*Copy. Endorsed as dated 6th inst. 1 p.*] *Enclosed,*

24. I. Lord Treasurer Juxon to the Farmers of the Customs. *Recites reference from the King to the Lord Treasurer, a hearing of both parties by him and Baron Denham, and their opinion that the fees under the patent should be reduced to 200*l.* a year, which his Majesty approved. Desires the farmers to moderate the schedule of fees accordingly.* Fulham, 17th July 1637. [*Copy. ¾ p.*]

24. II. Sir John Wolstenholme, Sir Abraham Dawes, and Richard Carmarden to the Lord Treasurer. *To moderate the fees so that they may arise to 200*l.* certain is very difficult. The best course is that the merchants pay the searcher 200*l.* per annum and make a reasonable table of fees among themselves, laying no greater fees upon Irish merchants and others not free of the city than upon themselves.* Custom House, London, 4th August 1637. [*Copy. 1 p.*]

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25. Extract from a news-letter. On Thursday, 3rd August, the Duke of Lennox was married at Lambeth by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Lady Mary Villiers. His Majesty gave the Lady to the Duke. The Duchess of Buckingham conducted her daughter to the bishop's palace, and expected there till the marriage were celebrated in the chapel, and then with the bride and bridegroom attended his Majesty to York House, where the Queen was. The Duchess feasted their Majesties in that house of hers with their court. At night their Majesties put the bride and bridegroom to bed, and visited them the next morning, in their way from Somerset

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House to Oatlands. The court and company which attended was not very great, because that time and place had not been pitched upon till very shortly before. There were of Lords, the Marquis Hamilton, the Earl Marshal, Dorset, Holland, Portland, Russell, Lord Goring, and some others. Of Ladies, Carlisle, Denbigh, Holland, Portland, Russell, Lady Blanch Arundel, Madame Vantelet, and divers others of French, besides the maids of honour. The house was very gloriously furnished; but there was neither dancing nor any other entertainment than a comedy, wherein the Queen was better content to venture for an ill one than to choose any other which she had already seen. Has not heard that any presents were made, but only by the Duchess of Richmond, who sent 5,000*l.* worth of jewels to the bride and 5,000*l.* in pieces to the Duke. This day the Duke carries his Duchess to Court, where she is to be sworn of the Queen's bedchamber. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Aug. 5. See "Papers relating to Appointments in the Navy."

Aug. 6. The King to Thomas Viscount Wentworth, Lord Deputy of Ireland. To signify to Jerome Alexander, residing in that kingdom, that with all convenient speed he repair hither, the Earl of Arundel and Surrey having special occasion for his service. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 6. Grant of a disafforestation of the manor of Dagenham, Essex, and a grant to Lawrence Wright, M.D., of free warren in the same, and a pardon to him for all offences committed within the same manor contrary to the forest laws. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 6. Warrant to Nicholas Kemeys, of Kevenmalby [Cefn Mably], co. Glamorgan, for preserving his Majesty's game in the parish of Michaelstone-yvedw, and other parishes in cos. Glamorgan and Monmouth. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 6. Warrant to William Earl of Denbigh, Master of the Wardrobe, to pay to Lydia Lupo, widow of Thomas Lupo, composer of music, deceased, 48*l.* due to her late husband; and also 32*l.* due to Theophilus Lupo, one of his Majesty's violins, for arrears of liveries. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 6. Warrant to pay to Richard Kilvert 1,500*l.* out of the first moneys coming into the Exchequer of 10,000*l.* set upon the Bishop of Lincoln in the Star Chamber, in consideration of his pains and expenses in the prosecution of that cause. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 6. Docquet of warrant to pay 105*l.* to Sir Roger Palmer, calendared under date of 7th inst.

Aug. 6. 26. The King to the Commissioners of Sewers for a level not named. Oatlands. By letters of 15th March 1636, the King signified his pleasure to the then commissioners concerning the 2,000 acres intended for the poor, and the 1,500 acres to be tied for the maintenance of the works. He expects from the present commissioners a discreet proceeding

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for the accomplishment of what was directed by those former letters. Directs them also to examine a petition of the inhabitants of the soke and hundred of Bolingbroke, and settle an order for relief of petitioners. [*Seal attached.* 1 p.]

Aug. 6. Docquet of the same.

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Notes by Nicholas of proceedings of the Council. Respecting ship-money; order to be given to the Attorney-General that there be but 30 days allowed to assess the ship-money, as in the first writs; this the King commanded this day. The King ordered that Westminster be set at 1,000*l.*, and the county the rest. Opinions stated by the officers of the Trinity House respecting the lights at Wintertonness and Orfordness, and respecting certain statements of Sir John Meldrum. The officers of the Trinity House thought the lights very necessary, but desired that the 2*d.* per ton may be imposed, 1*d.* on the ship and 1*d.* on the goods, which the King will take order for. The patent is to go on as drawn. Other subjects treated of in the Council related to the convoy of Nicolaldi and the charge of the King's ships, which was to be examined. Six ships were to be continued till December, and four afterwards. [*See Vol. cccii., No. 96.* 1½ p.]

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Order of the King in Council with the Lords of the Admiralty. Having considered a grant ready to pass the Great Seal to Jerrard Gore, to maintain lights at Wintertonness and Orfordness, and having heard Capt. Thomas Best and others of the Trinity House concerning the same, it was ordered that the grant should proceed, and that the Lord Keeper should be prayed to cause the same to pass the Great Seal. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 47 b.* ⅔ p.]

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Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Henry Marten. Upon consideration of your certificate of the 25th July last, concerning the moiety of a wreck found within the vice-admiralty of the Earl of Portland (*see Vol. ccclxiv., No. 55*), we pray you to give order to those in whose custody the same is remaining, to deliver a just moiety thereof to the Earl; and as concerning such as claim any part of the said wreck as salvors, we are assured he will deal so nobly as they shall think their labour therein well rewarded. As for the other moiety of the said wreck, it is to be reserved entirely for his Majesty's use. [*Ibid., fol. 47 b.* ½ p.]

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27. Petition of Philip White, blacksmith, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner has these 20 years past bought of the East India Company and others broken iron ordnance, and at his great charges makes them useful again, and some of them to do better service than when they were first cast. Mr. Browne, his Majesty's gunfounder, threatens to arrest the said ordnance, although the greatest part of them, which were sold by Browne to the East India Company, were so defective that they lost about 1,500*l.* Prays the

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Lords to consider the reasons annexed, and to grant petitioner their warrant that Brown shall not molest petitioner. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

27. I. *Reasons above referred to. Petitioner contends that he has not entrenched upon Browne's patent, and that persons who have bought ordnance of Browne may transfer the same to another within the kingdom.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Aug. 6.
The Triumph,
in the Downs.

28. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to [Sir Thomas Roe]. The advertisements I receive from my friends speak distrustfully of our foreign affairs. By what I can gather, you have made a very right judgment of what is likely to be the success of those negotiations. The West India business is, doubtless, the most hopeful and feasible design we can fall upon, if it could be followed, as it ought to be. It must be pursued at a great expense for some years, without a present profit; and I doubt whether we want not industry and patience, as well as money, to perfect a work of that nature. The little encouragement that is given to trade in England makes men ready to withdraw their stocks from all parts. Out of that consideration I fear men will be very hardly drawn to engage in new adventures, and it is too great an undertaking for a few well-affected men to go through with it. For our treaties, I look for no great matter from them, for whatsoever shall be concluded at these meetings will never bind our confederates longer than they find it for their own advantages. That we shall by this means either eclipse the house of Austria's greatness, or restore the Prince Elector to his country, I little hope for. Although his Majesty's licences have been offered to the Holland busses, and by them refused, yet I think our going that way will be declined this year, and it might much better have been absolutely forborne than demanded in this manner. For want of other employment, I am commanded to make a turn to the west with most of the fleet, and after some days spent there we shall end our summer's voyage. No man was ever more desirous of a charge than I am to be quit of mine, being in a condition where I see I can neither do service nor gain credit; but to you only I say this. [2 pp.]

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From
the Downs.

29. The same to Eliza Countess of Banbury. I received the other day a command from you for a ship to attend you at Rye on the 2nd inst., wherein I shall be very glad to serve you. I am tomorrow going away with most of the fleet, but if you get two or three lines from one of the Secretaries (which is the usual course) and send that letter to the captain I shall leave here, he shall be ready to serve you. [1 p.]

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30. Certificate of the Minister and Churchwardens of Newtimber, Sussex, of the performance by Sir Edward Bellingham of a penance enjoined by Sir John Lambe, as official principal of the Court of Arches. Prefixed to this certificate is a copy of the sentence of Sir John, which prescribed that on some Sunday between the 15th July and the 15th August in this year, in the time of morning

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prayer, Sir Edward should come into the church of Newtimber, and being arrayed in a white linen sheet, over his clothes, and a long white wand in his hand, should stand in a place near the minister's reading desk or pew, and immediately after reading the gospel should repeat a prescribed form of expression of contrition for his incontinency with Anne, the wife of Cosemo Mounchy, of the parish of St. Andrew's, Holborn. [1½ p.]

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Oatlands.

The King to Thomas Viscount Wentworth, Lord Deputy of Ireland. We understand that not only are the profits of the Admiralty in that kingdom diminished by encroachments of corporations and lords of manors, but the jurisdiction thereof is much prejudiced by granting prohibitions by the courts of law. We hold it most necessary to continue the powers of the Admiralty on that side subordinate to the Admiralty of England, yet we are resolved to preserve the rights thereof in those parts with an equal care, as we have provided for the droits of the Admiralty here. Therefore our will is that you give command to our Attorney-General in that kingdom to question, by *quo warranto*, such corporations or lords of manors as claim jurisdiction or profits of Admiralty; and as concerning prohibitions, we send you a copy of what, with the advice of our judges of this kingdom, we have established for a rule in such cases, which is to be communicated to our judges on that side, and to be in like manner ordered and settled there. [*By a memorandum in the margin of the Admiralty Register, it appears that the order concerning prohibitions, of which a copy was sent in the above letter, was that of the 18th February 1632. Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 48. 1½ p.*]

Aug. 7. Grant to Sir Thomas Jermyn, Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, of one moiety of the arrearages of tenths due by the clergy from 1603, until February 1625–6, until 5,000*l.* shall be raised. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 7. Licence to travel for Kenelm and John Digby, sons of Sir Kenelm Digby, with three servants and 50*l.* in money, for three years. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 7. Pardon to Knightley Duffield for the manslaughter of William Tibbet, with a grant of such of his goods and chattels as have accrued to his Majesty by the said fact; and his Majesty frees him from giving security for good behaviour according to the statute, and discharges him from being burnt in the hand. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 7. Pardon to Michael Holman and Richard Holman, scriveners, for all offences against his Majesty's laws for prevention of unlawful usury, who have submitted to composition with his Majesty's commissioners for the same. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 7. Licence to travel for John Arundell, with two servants and 50*l.* in money, for three years. [*Docquet.*]

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Aug. 7. Safe conduct for Don John de Nicolaldi, late resident in England for the King of Spain. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 7. 31. Warrant to pay Sir Roger Palmer, Cofferer of the Household, Westminster. 105*l.*, to be by him paid to divers ferrymen at several ferries for arrears due by the King to them. [*Strip of parchment. 7 lines.*]

Aug. 7. 32. Petition of Robert Curtese, Matthew Reynoldson, and John Fitzwilliam, in behalf of themselves and others, to the King. They lately exhibited a petition to the King, declaring that for being recusants there are writs out of the Exchequer to seize their goods to his Majesty's use, albeit they have been always ready to compound, being poor tradesmen, which, by reason of the contagious time and weighty affairs of the commissioners, they have not yet done, and so stand in danger to perish, unless his Majesty give order that the said writs may be stayed; since which time there are other writs come forth to arrest their persons. Beseech his Majesty that the writs may be stayed, and that they may not be molested whilst they are upon composition, which they will endeavour to hasten. [*Copy. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*] Underwritten,

32. I. *Minute of his Majesty's pleasure that the writs be stayed till the first sitting of the Commissioners for Recusants, at which time petitioners are to appear and submit to a composition. Oatlands, 7th August 1637. [Copy. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

Aug. 7. Petition of the Artisan Pinners, Wiremakers, and Girdlers of London to the King. In the 9th of Queen Elizabeth the said three arts were incorporated and so continued, till of late years many merchants and others, not being artisans, are become governors of the corporation, and have not only neglected to put in execution the ordinances made for the well governing the said arts, but by their greatness, assuming the whole power over the artisans, have converted their revenues to other uses. On complaint of the artisan pinners the King granted them a corporation by themselves. Since that grant the governors of the girdlers and wireworkers, being no artisans, have obtained to themselves a grant for the sole government of the said two arts, and for disposing of the stock and revenue of all the three arts. Pray that the grant may be stayed, and that the examination of the premises may be referred to whom your Majesty shall think fit. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 161. $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.*] Underwritten,

I. *Reference (the grant having been stayed by former directions) to the Lord Privy Seal, the Earl of Dorset, and Sec. Windebank. [Copy. Ibid., p. 163. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

II. *Report of the said three referees. The grant lately made to the pinmakers does not dissever them sufficiently from the company of girdlers, they remaining still of that body. Submit to the King the propriety of severing them entirely, and that a fit proportion of the real and per-*

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sonal estate of the Company of Girdlers be allowed the pinmakers. Recommend that directions be given to the King's counsel to accomplish these ends. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 163. 1½ p.]

III. Reference to the Attorney-General to prepare bills for the King's signature accordingly. Oatlands, 7th August 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 165. ½ p.]

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33. Copy of the second reference, dated this day, calendared above. [½ p.]

Aug. 7.
Croydon.

34. Archbishop Laud to Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia. Receive my thanks for your acceptance of my endeavours to serve the Princes your sons. It was little I was able to do, but I was always ready to do my best. Capt. Cave has been with me a second time, and has freely acquainted me with that which was entrusted to him. Before the receipt of your letters it was known here that the Prince of Orange was set down before Breda, and it was voiced withal that the storms had beaten him off from his first design, just as your Majesty writes; and yet, considering how strongly he is entrenched at Breda, some will not believe but that it was his first design. For any ill offices done in England to that Prince, as if he were not well affectioned to the King, I know them not. This I know, his Majesty has deserved very well of that State, and I hope both the Prince and they will understand it as it is. I am glad to hear that both his Excellency and the States will be so hearty in their conjunction with the French. [Copy, partly endorsed by the Archbishop. 1 p.]

Aug. 7.
Oatlands.

35. George Lord Goring to Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh. My excuse shall, I hope, persuade with you, or else never expect the landing of so much as a bottle of Smyrna water without custom, for a customer I am; not for any virtue of mine own, but by the folly of others, which gave me the opportunity to try my gracious master's favour, who gave it me beyond my hopes—I am sure above my merit—and so much I cannot but tell you, who wish not mine ill. There is a new book of rates gone into Ireland that will very much pare my Lord Deputy's profit there. All things here move the same pace in the same place you left them, only my Lord Duke [is married to] my Lady Mary. The attorney of the Court of Wards is dead, and none nominated as yet. The young Lord Stafford is also dead suddenly, and so good night until you see my Lady Katherine, which is the main design you shall have this year, or trust your servant Goring no more. [Seal with arms. 1 p.]

Aug. 7.
Christ Church,
Canterbury.

36. Dr. Isaac Bargrave, Dean of Canterbury, to Archbishop Laud. At the assizes, all the recusants and schismatics were indicted, and the judges have promised to be careful in the prosecution of them. Secondly, the petty-canon's place in our Church is still void, an account whereof has been presented to you by myself and five of the prebends, who gave our voices for [John] Baylie; and I doubt not Dr. Casaubon and Dr. Peake have given likewise an account of their opposition. It seemed strange that your so moderate

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and just directions could not gain the opposers to consent with us. The truth is, that so long as they pretend their power with you, and their knowledge of your will, labouring by private canvasses, uncharitable inquisitions, revilings in chapter, and their frequent negatives, to make their own way of opposition, I shall ever despair of that Christian charity and peace amongst us which I have before their coming enjoyed, and for which my soul longs. As for their pretended fear of my engrossing all elections, I promise ever to give my voice with the most and gravest part of the company; and in such cases I cannot but hope for your gracious interpretation, which if you will afford in this case to Baylie, it will much confer to our future peace. I am earnestly studying to prevent your further trouble about the reparations of my house by some moderate way, to which many of our company incline. But for my vault, Dr. Peake, though kindly entreated by me, yet, as in most other things, stands at defiance with me, refusing that friendly way which you were pleased to propound. Your wisdom now regulating these petty differences will from henceforth conduce to your ease and the honour of our chapter. [*Endorsed by Archbishop Laud. Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

Aug. 7.
Chatham.

37. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. The bearer, Hugh Hennys, tells me he has a grant for the boatswain's place of the Nicodemus, but wanting his warrant I could not admit him, there being none to take charge of her, nor order for her repair. We have written long since about the boatswain of the Great Ship, to send for him to prepare her against the launching in September. It is high time to make use of him. I am newly recovered of an ague. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Aug. 7.
White Horse,
Fetter Lane.

38. Henry Cuffe to his cousin, the same, at Tharpp [Thorpe]. It was Mr. Shuter's opinion that yourself, Mr. Audeley, and I should join in the petition to the Lord Keeper for reversing the decree, which is done, and the petition delivered, with your letter to Mr. Alured, his Lordship's secretary. I am promised an answer within some few days. What shall be done I will acquaint you in the country. I hope to meet you at Winterbourne, the 16th inst. [*Seal with arms. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

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Oatlands.

Lords of the Admiralty to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. Don John de Nicolaldi is to return for Spain. The ship wherein he embarks is to be convoyed as far as the Sleeve. We pray you order the Dreadnought or some other ship to repair to Plymouth and waft the said Signor Nicolaldi accordingly. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 48. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

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39. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh. I have sent Mr. Shallmer 80*l.*, which made up 300*l.* By my Lady's direction, Francis Egiock wrote for 20*l.* out of Ragley rents. I have sent her 20*l.* to be set down off those moneys that she is to receive at Hill Hall at Michaelmas. I have spoken with Mr. Bellers for the catalogue of books he promised to send you. He tells me that

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there is none drawn as yet. Mr. Burgis, who owns them, is little time where his books are; and Mr. Roberts, upon whose judgment in drawing a catalogue Mr. Burgis relies, is now residing near Birmingham that is much infected with the sickness, and therefore does not stir from thence; but the first catalogue that is delivered shall be to you. [*Damaged by damp.* 1 p.]

Aug. 7.
Canbury.

40. Lord Keeper Coventry to Nicholas. I received a letter dated the 19th September 1635 from the Lords of the Admiralty, to the same effect as yours now delivered to me by Sir James Bagge, whereupon I sent for the clerks of the office whence commissions for piracies issue, who averred that they had been constantly paid for, but the greatest inducement was that the fees for those commissions are charged by presentment in 40th year of Queen Elizabeth, where-with I acquainted the Lords, who wished that the old course might be continued, which how I shall now alter, and put an unusual charge upon the King, I cannot resolve, and I hope will be taken into consideration for the future as well as for the present. [*Seal with crest.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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41. Copy of the same. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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42. Form of receipt, probably intended to be signed by the keeper of the castle of Lancaster, for the body of Henry Burton, delivered to him by the Warden of the Fleet, pursuant to decree of the Court of Star Chamber. It is endorsed upon a copy of the warrant of the Lord Keeper, as to the nature of Burton's custody, already calendared, Vol. ccclxiv., No. 106. Below the receipt is written, "Received from Miles Atkinson." [*Copy warrant and receipt.* = 1 p.]

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43. Receipt of Thomas Covell, keeper of the gaol of the castle of Lancaster, for the body of Henry Burton, received from the hands of Thomas Davies, Robert Phillips, and George Murfin, servants of the Warden of the Fleet. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Thorpe.

Nicholas to the Sheriffs of cos. Hertford, Middlesex, Berks, Kent, Essex, Cambridge, Buckingham, Sussex, Surrey, Bedford, Hants, Wilts, and Oxford. I am commanded by his Majesty and the Lords to desire you this week, or at farthest by this day sennight, to pay to the Treasurer of the Navy all money collected by you for the shipping business. As his Majesty and the Lords require you not to fail herein, so they expect that you omit not to perform their order of July last, and that you either collect and pay in the full sum payable by your county by the time therein prefixed, or otherwise attend his Majesty and the Board. [*Copy. See Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 154.* 1 p.]

Aug. 8.
The Leopard,
in Saltee Road.

44. Capt. William Rainsborough to Capt. George Carteret, Vice-Admiral in the Antelope. You are with the Antelope and the Hercules, the Expedition and the Providence, to sail for the coast of Spain, and there to lie in the places most convenient to take the

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pirates of Algiers and their prizes, and to secure his Majesty's subjects, who in great numbers trade that way in the vintage time; and if you have occasion to put into any port of the King of Spain, you are as much as may be to keep out of command, and venture but one ship at a time; and because the pinnaces are foul, you may order them to haul ashore one at a time and tallow. And when you have tarried as long as your victuals will last, you are to sail to the Downs, or the Isle of Wight, and advise the Lords of the Admiralty of your arrival. [1 p.]

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45. Certificate by Thomas Wyan, that Capt. Buller had put in bail according to the Lords' warrant of the 5th August inst. [3 lines.]

Aug. 9.

Brandon.

46. Commissioners for making navigable a river from Worlington to Bury [St. Edmunds], Suffolk, to the King. In obedience to our commission, we met the 8th inst. at Brandon, where was delivered unto us your Majesty's letter commanding our diligence in that service which we have performed, and certified our proceedings to the Court of Chancery. We have not found any that oppose the intended work; the demands made for securing the inheritances of such as appeared we have composed and inserted them in our certificate. [1 p.]

Aug. 9.

Brandon.

47. The same to [the Lord Keeper]. The works to be performed by Mr. Lambe upon the river betwixt Mildenhall and Bury may be prejudicial to the mills upon the said river. We therefore think it fit that a proviso be contained in the patent, that if damage be done to any mill, the party damaged shall by two witnesses make oath of the damage, and at a certain place demand payment; and if the same be not paid within 40 days, he may bring his action at the Common Law; and if he shall recover against the patentee, then, if within 14 days he pay not to the plaintiff treble damages, the patent to be void, and the owners of mills may stop up the locks and debar the passage of boats for ever. We also think fit (which is consented to by Mr. Lambe) that he shall forthwith pay after the rate of 40*l.* per acre for every acre of meadow cut by his intended work, and 12*s.* the load for firing which he shall cut, and likewise pay yearly 40*s.* the acre for such lands as he shall use for his passage of haling or going by horse or foot. Lambe ought also to maintain all bridges he shall have occasion to make or alter. Lastly, the water carriages from the Ouse to Mildenhall Mill should be left free to all persons as formerly, and in particular for Sir Henry Croft's passage to his meadows in West Stowe in Suffolk, or if hindered, that Lambe make a sufficient bridge. [Office copy. 4 pp.]

Aug. 9.

Dover Road.

48. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Windebank. If you go this progress, I shall often give you importunity by my letters. At this time, the only occasion is to entreat you to let his Majesty know that our stay here has been for want of winds to carry us westward. Upon Monday morning we were ready to

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weigh, and have since been every hour watching for a wind, but they have been so directly contrary, and have blown so hard, that till this morning we could not stir; thus far we are now gotten on our way, and I hope, if either the wind hold good, or the weather fair, we shall within a few days get to the western coast. If you send any commands to me, they may be directed to Plymouth, for there I purpose to inquire after letters. I received last night order for a ship to transport Lord Newport from Portsmouth to Jersey, and for another to waft Signor Nicolaldi as far as the Sleeve. [*Endorsed by Windebank, "Rec[eived] the same night at 11; answered 10^o."*]

Aug. 9.

49. Recognizance entered into before Lawrence Whitaker by Thomas Corneford, of Nottingham, gentleman, in 200*l.*, and by Thomas Cademan, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, M.D., and Philip Roper, of St. Giles's-in-the-Fields, gentleman, in 100*l.* each, conditioned for the appearance of Corneford before the Council upon 20 days' warning. [*9 lines on strip of parchment.*]

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50. Paymaster's account of moneys received and paid for the Earl of Lindsey, on account of his undertaking in the Great Level of the Fens in Lincolnshire, from the 13th June last to this day. The receipts were, from Sir John Brooke and Simon Hill 200*l.*, from William Langton and John Liens, director of the said work, 300*l.*, and from Sir Edward Heron and Simon Hill 500*l.*; total, 1,000*l.* The disbursements, principally payments for labour, amount to 670*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* [*4 pp.*] *Annexed,*

50. I. *Copy agreement, entitled "A former Agreement," between the Earl of Lindsey and John Liens, whereby Liens agrees to do the work of draining and making winter or arable land of that part of the Great Level which lies between the River Glenn and Kyme Eau, containing 14,000 acres, upon certain terms which are here set forth, with other stipulations respecting similar works of drainage to be done in other parts of the Fens.* [*1 p.*]

[Aug. ?] 10.
Westminster.

51. Sec. Windebank to Capt. [Richard] Fogg. The Earl of Northumberland having given advice of his purpose to ply towards the west, and that he intends to set sail from the Downs with the greatest part of the fleet, as upon Monday last, and having directed that despatches should be addressed in his absence to you, under whose command he was to leave six or seven ships, according to the Earl's instructions you are to receive his Majesty's pleasure in these particulars following. First, the Earl has given advertisement that the Mayflower has brought in two sloops of Calais, which she had found pilfering about Dunkirk. As soon as entire restitution shall be made by those of Calais of the Irish ship which they took not long since under the conduct of Capt. Buller, their two sloops shall be rendered unto them, of which you are to give knowledge to those of Calais. It appears by the Earl's

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letters that part of the lading of the hoy of Hamburgh taken by one of those sloops and sent into Dover was powder and shot. You are to inform yourself whether that were really consigned to merchants of Dover or Dunkirk, in either of which cases the goods ought to be stayed as unlawfully consigned. For the other sloop of Calais, that within sight of his Majesty's ship had rifled an English bark laden from London, and, being pursued by his Majesty's ship, did fly for sanctuary to the Holland fleet, and the Holland Vice-Admiral refused to deliver her up on demand, his Majesty resents highly this insolency, and commands that notice be taken of it when any of his Majesty's ships shall meet that Vice-Admiral, and demand reparation of him only (not meddling with any other Hollander) for that affront. In the meantime there is order given to Sir William Boswell, his Majesty's agent in Holland, to make a complaint of it to that state. There has been a report raised that the Hollanders have refused his Majesty's licences to fish, offered them by Capt. Fielding. But it is utterly mistaken. Capt. Fielding was sent to the busses to offer them protection, his Majesty having understood that the Dunkirkers had prepared a great strength to intercept them in their return, which his Majesty, in love to them, sent Capt. Fielding to give them notice of, and to offer them safe conduct. This you are publicly to avow whensoever there shall be occasion, and to cry down the other discourse as derogatory to his Majesty's honour. You will do well to send a copy of this letter to the Earl of Northumberland. This of the Holland Vice-Admiral is to be carried with a great deal of caution, and with special care that nothing be done in prejudice of his Majesty's friendship with the Hollanders, especially in this present conjuncture. [*Copy, in the handwriting of Read, Windebank's secretary, save the last paragraph, which was added by Windebank himself. Dated 10th July, instead of August, by mistake. 2 pp.*]

[Aug. ?] 10. 52. Extracts from the above. [1 p.]

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Westminster.

53. Sec. Windebank to Algernon Earl of Northumberland Being in London, your despatch of the 9th inst. came to my hands the same evening. Before receipt of it, I had written the enclosed to Capt. Fogg, which, if this find you still in those parts, I beseech you to open and give order according to the directions. His Majesty is very well satisfied with the reasons for not sending more ships to Sallee. For my letters to Capt. Rainsborough, they are of little consideration, and therefore you may dispose of them at your pleasure. Besides the direction I have given to Capt. Fogg, to suppress the report of the Holland fishers refusing his Majesty's licences offered them, whereof his Majesty is very sensible, I had special commandment to give the same in charge to you, and that you should do it in the same way, namely, that his being sent to the busses was to give them notice of the forces prepared by the Dunkirkers to intercept them in their return, and to offer them his

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Majesty's protection, but no licences; that of the licences being to be cried down, and the other to be avowed and reported through the whole fleet. To which purpose you are to instruct Capt. Fielding, whom his Majesty understands to have been too free in spreading the former report, to be more reserved hereafter, and in the meantime to make reparation by divulging this and suppressing the former. I delivered all your letters that came with yours of the 4th with my own hand, especially that to Lady Carlisle, and I hold it a great honour vouchsafed me by your giving me that occasion to kiss her hands, and to make profession of my devotions to your most noble house. Those which came with this last despatch I will send to the Court, being now to return to my country house, where I shall be ready to receive your commands, my younger brother following the progress, and I having leave to enjoy my poor home till his Majesty's return to Oatlands, which will be upon Saturday next come fortnight. Nevertheless, there are stages and posts laid to my house in the country, and such letters as are addressed to me come thither in very good diligence, and from thence I send them daily to his Majesty, likewise by post. When you shall be in the west, you will be nearer the Court, and so your address to my brother will be much more convenient than to me. P.S.—You may in time think upon such ships as are to winter at sea, and give notice to the Lords of the Admiralty. His Majesty intends the same number that were abroad last year. If you be not gone from Dover Road, you will give me notice of the receipt of these before your departure. [*Copy in the handwriting of Windebank.* 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Aug. 10.

54. Sec. Windebank to Sir Henry Vane, Comptroller of the Household. Being at London, the enclosed from the Earl of Northumberland directed to yourself and the other to me came to my hands. That to me I desire may find way to his Majesty. I do not perceive by the Earl's that he had received any instructions from Sec. Coke by way of answer to his of the 31st July, the duplicate whereof you left with me at Oatlands that morning his Majesty went from thence, and therefore I have signified his Majesty's pleasure to his Lordship, having before the receipt of these last written to the same purpose to Capt. Fogg. I am returning to my house in the country, where I shall be glad to receive back the Earl's letter. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Aug. 10.

55. Officers of Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. Upon signing Mr. Crane's account for victualling for 1636, we find Thomas Barton, purser of the Victory, employed to Spain, to come short of the ship's victualling for 10 days for 260 men, amounting to 92*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, for which he produces a warrant from the captain of the ship, Capt. Walter Stewart, commanding him to feed the extraordinary company of Spaniards that came over in the ship with the ambassador, the Condé d'Oniate, which occasioned the extra expense. It being contrary to the course of our office to allow in that nature, and yet

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commanded by the captain as tending to his Majesty's honour, we desire to know whether we shall return it in *super* on the captain or how otherwise discharge the purser, being a poor man. [1 p.]

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Thorpe.

Nicholas to the Officers of the Navy. The Lords of the Admiralty, upon reading their letter of the 28th of July, desired them to send an inventory of all the stores so decayed and fit to be sold, and thereupon they will move the King for order for disposing thereof. They are also to send an inventory of the quality and weight of the shivers of brass, and other stores of brass or copper, there being occasion at present to use such decayed brass and copper. [Copy. *Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccix., p. 155.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Thorpe.

The same to Kenrick Edisbury. For perfecting the account that Nicholas is to keep, he finds it requisite to have from Edisbury an inventory of all the remains of boatswains' and carpenters' stores returned at the end of their services by the fleets furnished in 1634-5 by the maritime parts, and in 1635-6 by the counties, as also of the fleet now abroad when it returns. Sends a list of the ships employed in the two years last past, and prays Edisbury not to fail to send the inventory as soon as may be. [Copy. *Ibid.* $\frac{5}{8}$ p.]

Aug. 10.

56. Sir Henry Wotton and Dr. Samuel Collins to Archbishop Laud. There is fallen out a difficulty in our annual election in the case of a boy, by name Dudley Avery, otherwise of good hope and desert, which arrests our proceeding till we shall receive from your Grace an interpretation of our power, which we beg by the bearer, father of the said child, whose brother is the King's agent at Ham-
burgh, and he himself of singular use to the Queen of Bohemia in her domestic affairs, for which respects we are the more desirous to gratify him. The case itself will best appear by the enclosed draft of a counsellor at law. [Seal with arms. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.] Enclosed,

56. 1. Paper above mentioned, signed "*Humfrey Newbery.*" The point in the case was that the power of election was, by the local statute, confined to boys of the several counties of England; but the boy above mentioned was born abroad, although of English parents. Mr. Newbery contended that the design of the statute was merely to exclude perfect aliens. [2 $\frac{1}{4}$ pp.]

Aug. 10.
Croydon.

57. Archbishop Laud, of Canterbury, to [Sir Henry Wotton and Dr. Samuel Collins]. I should be loath to do anything without good advice in a business that must be binding to posterity; therefore, if you can suspend this election till Michaelmas term, I shall then take some time to hear what may be said *pro* or *con*, and thereupon set down a final order. I would have the assistance of some civilians, who are now all out of town. If you shall do any act (necessity so requiring), I shall not be offended with your proceedings. [Copy. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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58. Recognizance in 200*l.* entered into by John Broad, late one of the constables of the hundred of Wellow, in Somerset, before William Bassett, sheriff of the same county, with condition that Broad would appear before the Council on the 3rd September next. [6 lines on a strip of parchment.] *Annexed,*

58. I. *Similar recognizances of Richard Addams and Hercules Coomer, constables of the hundred of Winterstoke, in the same county. Dated 17th August 1637. [Six lines as above.]*

58. II. *Similar recognizance of Richard Willmot, one of the constables of the hundred of Wells Forum, in the same county. Dated 23rd August 1637. [Six lines as above.]*

58. III. *Similar recognizance of Henry Hayward, the other constable of the same hundred. Dated 14th August 1637. [Seven lines as above.]*

Aug. 11.

The Convertive,
in the Downs.

59. Capt. Richard Fogg to Sec. Windebank. Since the Earl of Northumberland's going from the Downs, on Wednesday last, I have received your letter, and therein his Majesty's pleasure. I will stay the two French sloops under arrest, until restitution be made by the men of Calais for the Irish vessel taken by them. For the hoy of Hamburgh, I shall inquire whether the powder and shot were really consigned either to Dover or Dunkirk, and will give you notice. If any of the ships under my charge shall meet with the Holland Vice-Admiral, reparation shall be demanded for protecting the French sloop that rifled the English bark, and yet with that caution as you require. Touching the false report that the Hollanders refused his Majesty's licences, I shall avow according to your directions. I intend to send a copy of your directions to the Earl of Northumberland by the captain of the Vanguard, who is to go after him, and withal the enclosed letter you sent to his lordship. [Seals with crest. 1 p.] *Underwritten,*

59. I. *List of ships under Capt. Fogg's charge, and of those of them sent away by the Earl of Northumberland, and not yet returned. The former were the Richard and Mary, the William, the Royal Defence, the Prudence, the Mayflower, and the First Whelp. The latter were the William, sent to the Brill with Mr. Harby; the Prudence, to Dieppe; the Mayflower, to Dunkirk; the First Whelp, to Ostend. [½ p.]*

Aug. 12.

60. Eliza Countess of Banbury to the same. I have received a letter from the Earl of Northumberland, which I send you, to excuse the trouble necessity at this time puts you to, and to thank you for being so ready to get my pass, as from my Lord Marshal I understand you were. I see a court has made no change in you. You retain the same readiness to do your friends a courtesy as when I was your neighbour at Causem [Caversham]. Two lines

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the Earl of Northumberland desires from one of the Secretaries; I from you, which I beseech you let the bearer receive. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Aug 13.

Protection to Philip Burlamachi and Pompeo Calandrini, of London, merchants, for three months from the expiration of a former grant. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 13.

The Triumph,
in Torbay.

61. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Windebank. Being forced in here by foul weather, I give you notice that, notwithstanding contrary winds, we have made a shift to ply it up as far as Torbay. One tide will carry us to Plymouth, where I intend to inquire if there be any commands for me; if I find none, I purpose to keep on our course as far as the Land's End and Scilly, which will cost us seven or eight days. By that time it will be requisite that we look homewards, or expect some supply of victuals. In our passage hither, we have met with only three small Hollanders, homeward bound from Pernambuco, who confirm the taking of Todos os Santos in Brazil. [1 p.]

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The Leopard,
in Saltee Road.

62. Capt. William Rainsborough to Capt. George Carteret in the Antelope. Since your departure, there has gone so much sea that we could not get ashore, neither could any boat come off, so that as yet I am not despatched, yet I hope in two or three days to be gone, the renegades being ready to come aboard the first smooth sea. Yesterday arrived here the Mary Rose and the Roebuck, which were sent me for fear the business should not have been effected before our victual had been done. They brought money to have victualled us for two months longer, which I think, if Mr. Blake had not come in that time, we had effected. Capt. Trenchfield is captain of the Mary Rose. We, and indeed all the land, are much indebted to the Earl of Northumberland for his love to us, and his care for the business. I pray God bless you, and cause some Algier men-of-war, or their prizes, to come foul of you. Remember me to Captains Harrison, White, and Seaman, and Mr. Powell, and the rest of our friends. [1 p.]

Aug. 14.

Downton.

63. Sec. Coke to Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh. I send a packet, which was sent back from the Downs by Capt. Fogg. The progress affords no occurrence fit to be sent to sea. His Majesty and all his followers are in health, and, notwithstanding the foul weather, forbear not to go abroad. From foreign parts we hear that the Pope recovers health, but yet gives no audience; that the King of Hungary remits nothing of his rigour in denying safe conducts to the Protestant Princes and States, and also to the Swedes. The French have excused themselves to the Pope's Nuncio at Cologne for the protraction of that assembly, casting all the blame upon the House of Austria; so the treaty for general peace is in no near expectation. At Breda, my last letters related that there there had not been a cannon shot off on either side; but by this, I suppose, they speak louder, the Prince's purpose being to assault it in three

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places, which he hopes their small garrison will not be able to defend. The French continue to make incursions, and ravage the country without resistance. [1 p.]

Aug. 14. 64. Capt. Richard Fogg to Sec. Windebank. This day I sent for
The Convertive, the merchant of the Irish vessel whereof you wrote, that if he had
the Downs. received satisfaction from the men of Calais, I should discharge the two French sloops under arrest. He informs me he has been at 300*l.* charge, and that those that took away his vessel had then from him by violence 40*l.* worth of goods. I have let them of Calais understand that they must give him full content before I can release their men and the sloops. He tells me he has small hope to have any further satisfaction from the French; and for the Frenchmen with us, they are very poor, and the two French sloops of very small value. The Irish vessel that was taken by the French was brought into the Downs yesterday. I desire to know what order you will give me concerning the two sloops and their men. These ships are come into the Downs: Capt. Smith, from Dieppe, and Capt. Burley, from Dunkirk; and I have given order to Sir Elias Hickeys to stand away with his ship for Rouen, to convoy some ships from Dover. I intend to send Capt. Slingsby and the First Whelp for Dunkirk. [*Seals with arms.* 1 p.]

Aug. 14. 65. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. Comments on two letters of
Chatham. the 10th inst.; one concerning decayed provisions, and the other about remains of provisions in the ships. States what great labour and how unprofitable it would be to make out such an inventory as is required of decayed provisions. Also what was done in that respect on former occasions. Sends an estimate instead of an inventory. The account of remains is a work of labour to write out, but that he intends to perfect as soon as he can. Reminds him of applications from the officers for the Lords to send for the boatswain of the great ship, who is now commander of the Greyhound. They have no warrant to deliver stores to any other. Capt. Pett calls upon them with threats to prepare for the launch on the 25th September, and it is high time to do so, if his Majesty will have the ship launched before winter. They are also directed to bring about the Prince, which Sir William Russell says his Majesty has deferred, yet the warrant stands in force. Wishes to know the pleasure of the Lords. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.] *Enclosed,*

65. I. *Note of decayed and unserviceable provisions remaining in his Majesty's stores, but fit to be sold. Total of the estimated value, 1,093*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.** [1 p.]

Aug. 14. 66. Copy certificate of six merchants of Dover respecting the Fortune, of Hamburgh, the original of which is calendared under the date of the 18th inst. as enclosed in a letter of Capt. Richard Fogg. [*See Vol. ccclxvi., No. 1, i.* 1½ p.]

Aug. 14. 67. [G. R.] Weckherlin to Edward Viscount Conway and Killul-
Downton. tagh. These packets, having been sent to the Downs, are come back

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hither. Since I wrote the enclosed, I received no great news from beyond seas. Mons. le Duc de Longueville was victorious in the Franche Comté, Mons. de Chastillon in Luxemburgh, where (having been refused by Piccolomini when he offered to fight) he now besieges Yvoy. The Cardinal de la Vallette was taking in all the places along the river Sambre, to make clear all that tract to Liege, and had already taken Maubeuge. The Spaniards gave [up Bre]da for lost, though many hope it will hold out long, and so entertain the Prince of Orange. The Swedes were retired into Pomerania; thither the French have sent to them, to encourage them, and assist them with money. Whether the Imperialists will be able to bring them to fight and hold out themselves without disbanding, the countries not affording any victual, is much doubted. P.S.—To-morrow we go to Lyndhurst for eleven nights, and so to Oatlands again. [*Damaged by damp.* 1 p.]

Aug. 15.
Haines Hill.

68. Sec. Windebank to the King. The Countess of Banbury being to repair into foreign parts for her health by your special licence, lately wrote to the Earl of Northumberland for one of your ships for her transportation. But he being then ready to stand for the west, directed her to send to one of the Secretaries, and she has thereupon made her addresses to me. I beseech your Majesty to vouchsafe me your pleasure herein, that so, if you think fit, *I may, by your Majesty's commandment, give order to Capt. Fogg to assign her Ladyship some such of your Majesty's ships for her safe conducting as may be best spared.* [*The King has underscored the passage printed in italics, and has written in the margin, "Ye may."* 1 p.]

Aug. 15.

Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Earl of Newport. We understand from the Officers of the Navy that gunners of late make very large demands of old cordage for wads for ordnance, beyond the precedents of former times. We pray you to cause the Officers of the Ordnance to consider what quantity of old cordage is requisite to be delivered for wadding of the ships of each rank for six months' service at sea, and to send us certificate thereof. [*Copy.* Vol. cccliii., fol. 49. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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The same to [the same]. We pray you to order that William Ewin, of Greenwich, mariner, John Bennett and Richard Bodylow, of Limehouse, mariners, and others, owners of the Advance, of London, a new ship of 250 tons, lying in the Thames, may be permitted to furnish their ship with ordnance out of the founder's store. [*Copy.* *Ibid.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Aug. 15.
[Westminster.]

69. William Bell to Nicholas, at Thorpe. I have enclosed a list of the poor people to whom I distributed your 10*l.*; they accepted it very thankfully. This morning there are dead 18, whereof of the plague 12. St. Martin's parish was clear last night, and has very few sick. Thanks for venison. Your house is well and safe, but Mr. Gritten's house upon Saturday night was broken open, and, as

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he says, he lost 300*l.*, but is in hope to find out the thieves. On Sunday night there were thieves found untiling a house in Duffield's Alley, but got nothing, yet escaped. For your house I have begun to burn a candle for half an hour in your uppermost dining-room every night at 10 o'clock, and the like in one of the chambers towards the street, and give out that one of your men and one of your maids are in town, otherwhiles that my two men lie there, and in the day-time I keep, as formerly I did, the door open. I have been to Mr. Allured, who will do what he may to keep me out of commission ; and Sir Robert Pye going out of town before I expected, I have been with Mr. Falconbridge, desiring him to let Sir Robert know that I will serve him in what I may, but into the commission I desire not to come. [1 *p.*] *Enclosed,*

69. *I. Names and places of residence of poor people in Westminster among whom a donation by Nicholas of 10*l.* was distributed.* [1 *p.*]

Aug. 15. 70. Account of William Coleman, one of the chief constables of the hundred of Stretford, co. Hereford, of arrears of ship-money in his division. Lady Croft, 2*s.*, and no distress to be found ; John Kinnersley, of Eardissland, 6*s.* 6*d.*, "a dark man and no distress to be had ;" Francis Hill, 6*d.*, a poor man, no distress for it ; Thomas Chelmick, 12*s.*, has lived in prison in the Castle of Ludlow a long time for debt, and no stock on his land, and is not able to pay ; with others. [1 *p.*]

[Aug. 15.] 71. The like of Richard Omuell, the other chief constable of the same hundred, for his division. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

Aug. 15. 72. The like of James Mun, one of the chief constables of the hundred of Wolphey, in that county, for his division ; total 4*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* [$1\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

[Aug. 15.] 73. The like of Thomas Wall, for his division of the same hundred ; total, 2*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

[Aug. 15.] 74. The like of Simon Wyer, for his division of the hundred of Broxash, in same county ; total, 3*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* [$1\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

[Aug. 15.] 75. The like of Philip Baker, for his division of the same hundred ; total, 2*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* [1 *p.*]

[Aug. 15.] 76. The like of Thomas Watkins, for his division of the hundred of Ewyas-Lacy, in same county ; total, 5*s.* 10*d.* [$\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

[Aug. 15.] 77. The like of Henry Sampson, for his division of the hundred of Webtree, in same county ; total, 1*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.* [1 *p.*]

[Aug. 15.] 78. The like of Robert Alway, for his division of the hundred of Greytree, in same county ; total, 1*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

[Aug. 15.] 79. The like of John Furney, for his division of the same hundred ; the town of Ross is behind 2*l.*, but the money is not to be received, the plague being so grievously dispersed in that town

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and none of the inhabitants know themselves to be free from the infection; Linton, 8s. 6d., is in the same plight; total, 2l. 19s. 10d. [1 p.]

[Aug. 15.] 80. Account for the township of Tupsley, in the parish of Hampton [-Bishop], within the liberties of Hereford; total, 10l. 4s. 11d. [1 p.]

[Aug. 15.] 81. The like for the parish of Holmer, within the same liberties; total, 3l. 0s. 2d. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

[Aug. 15.] 82. The like of John Price, for his division of the hundred of Wigmore, in the same county; total, 1l. 7s. 1d. [1 p.]

[Aug. 15.] 83. The like of John Cooke, for his division of the same hundred; total, 2l. 18s. 3d. [1 p.]

[Aug. 15.] 84. The like of Walter Cowarne, for his division of the hundred of Wormelow, in same county; total, 1l. 2s. 1d. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

[Aug. 15.] 85. The like of Tobie Payne, for his division of the same hundred; total, 5l. 10s. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Aug. 16. 86. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Windebank. Till
The Triumph, the 15th we could not stir from Torbay. This forenoon, with very
in Plymouth ill weather, we came in here. The last night some of our ships were
Sound. in danger of being foul of one another, but I do not hear of any
harm, only the Rainbow lost her sprit-sail yard and top-mast, and
broke a piece of[f] her head. The sea is void both of news and
ships. Between this and the Downs we have seen none but the three
Hollanders from Pernambuco. Whether here be any letters for me or
no, I yet know not, for it blows so hard that though we send boats to
the town, yet none can come from thence. The next fair day I
purpose to hold on our course towards the Land's End, and then to
return hither again. [1 p.]

Aug. 16. 87. Sec. Coke to the same. His Majesty took notice by a
Lyndhurst. letter received this day from the Lord Deputy of Ireland, that a
privy seal passed by you for payment of 1,500l. to the now Earl of
St. Albans, against which the Deputy had written his reasons to be
showed to his Majesty. These reasons his Majesty remembers not
to have seen, and therefore commands me to write to you to send
that letter hither, and to specify the motive upon which the privy
seal was granted. This morning, his Majesty and all that hunted
with him in the forest were soundly wet, and the weather has con-
tinued so extreme that since his return to Lyndhurst scarce a
room in his house has held out the rain. His Majesty and all
his train are in good health. [*Endorsed by Windebank as received
on the 20th from Mr. Railton from Fulham. He has added that
he answered it on the 21st, and then sent the letter of the Lord
Deputy and Council of Ireland of 23rd May. 1 p.*]

Aug. 16. Nicholas to Viscount Wentworth, Lord Deputy of Ireland. By
Thorpe. command of the Lords of the Admiralty sends his Majesty's letter
[of the 7th inst.], with a copy of an order of Council concerning

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the jurisdiction and profits of the Admiralty in Ireland. The King and the Lords had bestowed on the writer the office of ferriage in Ireland, to which he had deputed the bearer, Robert Smyth. This was the only place in the Admiralty that ever he obtained, yet if the Lord Deputy had any intention to bestow it otherwise, or held him unsuited for the place, he would readily dispose of his interest to whomsoever the Lord Deputy might desire. [*Copy. Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 156. 1 p.*]

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Nicholas to Adam Viscount Ely, Lord Chancellor of Ireland. The bearer will acquaint him with the care taken by his Majesty and the Lords of the Admiralty for preservation of the jurisdiction and right of the Admiralty in Ireland. Prays him to afford the bearer, Robert Smyth, assistance in the execution of the office of ferriage in Ireland, which his Majesty and the Lords have conferred on Nicholas. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 157. ¾ p.*]

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88. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 422*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* paid by Sir Edward Bishop, sheriff of Sussex, ship-money collected under writ of 12th August last. [*¾ p.*]

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89. Account by Sir William Russell of ship-money received and in arrear under writ of 12th August 1636. Total receipts, 144,774*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.*; in arrear, 51,825*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.* [*1 p.*]

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90. The Council to the Lord Lieutenants of each of the counties of England and Wales, and to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. His Majesty, calling to mind how necessary it is that there should be a fit proportion of gunpowder remaining in store in every county to be ready upon all occasions, did this day command that order should be given accordingly. These are to require you to take order that the magazine of that county be replenished, and that the trained bands exercise their arms in parts where the infection of the plague is not. We pray you by the 1st November next, to send an account what proportion of powder and shot then remains in store. [*Copy. 1 p.*]

Aug. 17.
Clonmel.

91. Thomas Viscount Wentworth to Sir Thomas Roe. You may think me a strange barbarous beast, that for the many letters you have favoured me with, I have not hitherto answered one, and yet I trust to be absolved, for I was so much cast behind in these affairs through my stay in England, and of that busy time so much of it in a weakness and indisposition of sight, as I resolved to put myself upon your noble interpretation, and to take the liberty thus to answer many of these letters by a few lines. And the rather did I hope to obtain, in regard seriously I found I loved and honoured you in my heart, and that if there were any occasion for me to do you real service, I would write five letters for one, before I would lose any advantage or the shortest minute wherein I might express myself your very affectionate faithful friend and servant. [*1 p.*]

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92. Robert Smyth to Nicholas. I have received from your servant, Francis Andrewes, your letters to the Lord Deputy, the Lord Chancellor, and Stephen Smyth, which I will deliver, as also your patent for ferriage, with your deputation to me, of which I will give you an account so soon as I come to Ireland and have received my Lord Deputy's pleasure therein. I have sealed the counterpart of your deputation, and left it with your servant. Mr. Thomas Wyan wishes me to tell you that he hears that a Bastable [Barnstaple] man, being bound for Biscay, was met by a French man-of-war, who endeavoured to take them, pretending they had prohibited goods on board. The Bastable man stood out until they had lost all their men but six. The French, being masters of them, carried them into Byon [Bayonne], where in cold blood they were stoned to death by divers women and others who fell upon them. It is conceived there were French killed in the fight, as well as English. According to your desire I would have paid for passing your patent, but no money to be received. I had much ado to persuade the clerks to take the ten shillings you gave me for them. You shall receive another certificate by your return from Thorpe, which I hear will be about the end of next week. [1 p.]

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93. Information of William Stratford, one of the Attorneys of the Court of Admiralty of the Cinque Ports, exhibited in the said Court on behalf of the Earl of Suffolk, Lord Warden and Admiral of the Cinque Ports. States that on the 12th July last a wrecked ship was driven on ground near Seaford, and that certain enumerated quantities of oil and yards of silk and grogram, and certain pieces of ordnance, anchors and cables, had been saved thereout at Seaford, Pevensey, and Hastings, all within the jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports, all which articles belonged to the Lord Warden. [1 p.]

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94. Minute of order of Dr Thomas Rives, Judge of the Court of Admiralty of the Cinque Ports, made upon reading the preceding information, that the said saved goods shall be sold by the Commissioners appointed by the Lord Warden for that purpose, they giving notice of the said sale to the chief magistrate of the town where the goods were saved, who may join in the sale if any of the savers desire the same. It is further ordered that the savers shall have one-fourth of the value of the said goods paid to them. [1½ p.]

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95. Copy of the said Minute. [1½ p.]

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96. Copy of the Order in conformity with the said Minute. [1¾ p.]

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Lyndhurst.

Proclamation declaring that the proceedings of his Majesty's Ecclesiastical Courts and ministers are according to the laws of the realm. In some libellous books lately published, the bishops are said to have usurped upon his Majesty's prerogative. It was ordered by the Court of Star Chamber, on the 12th June last, that the opinion of the judges should be certified whether processes may not issue out of the Ecclesiastical Courts in the names of the bishops, whether a patent was necessary for keeping such Courts, whether citations ought not to be in the King's name, and whether bishops may keep any visitation without commission under the Great Seal and in the King's name. The judges, on the 1st July, certified that on all the said points the proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Courts were agreeable to law. Such opinion was, on the 4th July last, ordered to be enrolled, and is now published, to stop the mouths and settle the minds of all unquiet spirits. [See *Coll. Procs. Car. I.*, No. 215. 2 pp.]

Aug. [18?] 1. Capt. Richard Fogg to Sec. Windebank. I required the Merchants of Dover to certify whether the munition in the hoy of *The Convertive*, in the Downs. *Hamburgh* was consigned either to the merchants of Dover or *Dunkirk*, and yesterday they sent me the enclosed paper. This morning there came one with the enclosed letter from the Governor of Calais. For aught that I could understand by the messenger that brought it, it is touching the Frenchman and the two sloops, concerning which I wrote to you the 14th inst., and of the Irishman's arrival here, and of the small hope he had of any further satisfaction from the French, and withal to know what order you would give me touching the releasing or detaining of the Frenchmen and their sloops. [1 p.] *Enclosed.*

1. I. *Certificate of six merchants of Dover, and among them of Daniel Skinner. States the facts as to the capture of the Fortune, of Hamburgh. The certifiers had examined all her letters and bills of lading, and found the same to be addressed to merchants of Dover. Among the goods was a parcel of gunpowder consigned to Peter Letten, merchant, of Dover. The French give out that gunpowder being an article prohibited to be brought into England, the hoy would have gone with the same to Flanders. But gunpowder, although prohibited to be vented in England, may be landed at Dover, and, after paying customs there, may be transported into any foreign country. The Hamburgh hoy that came out with the Fortune, and was likewise taken by a frigate of Calais, has been freed, all her goods being addressed to merchants in Dover, and came in there last tide. 14th August 1637. [1½ p.]*

Aug. 18.

2. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 231*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* paid by George Anton on behalf of Sir Edward Hussey, sheriff of co. Lincoln, being ship-money collected under writ of 12th August 1636. [¾ p.]

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Aug. 19.

Grant to Sir Henry Vane, Comptroller of the Household (in consideration of his services as well in foreign employments as otherwise), of all trees of oak, ash, alder, and other woods, with the windfalls, stubs, and roots of trees formerly felled within the West Park of Brancepeth, lately granted in fee-farm, and in Chopwell Woods, in Durham, except 383 timber trees in the said park, and 187 trees in Chopwell Woods, marked for ship-timber by the purveyor of the Navy, and Sir Henry is licensed to take away the said trees granted within the space of 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 19.

Pardon to William Gore and Robert Pickering for all errors and offences committed in the place of escheators of Surrey, Sussex, and elsewhere, and also of all offences by them done as agents or solicitors in businesses in the Court of Wards and Liveries. [*Docquet.*]

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Pardon to Edward Bish, late Feodary of Surrey, of all errors and offences committed in the execution of that place. [*Docquet.*]

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Honington.

3. Sir Edward Hussey, Sheriff of co. Lincoln, to the Council. I have paid to Sir William Russell 1,461*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, which, together with 538*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* assessed on the corporations, makes up the 8,000*l.* charged by writ of 12th August 1636. There remains a surplus of 16*l.* or 17*l.* or thereabouts, with which the body of the county is charged. I crave your directions unto whom the same shall be paid, when it shall be collected. Boston being assessed at 70*l.*, and Hoggestroppe [*Hogsthorp*] at 16*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*, petitioned you for relief, which you recommended to my consideration, but I could not give them ease. If you please that the surplus shall be paid to them, I shall observe your directions therein. [1 *p.*]

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Honington.

4. The same to Sir Dudley Carleton. Recapitulates the contents of the above letter. I have omitted two things; the one is to know whether the Lords will have the surplus collected, notwithstanding I have paid in all these moneys, and that after the 1st September, in case it cannot be got before; and the other is, that the Lords should command the corporations to pay in their moneys forthwith. If I am likely to be prejudiced by their slack payments, so as I cannot have my discharge in so full a manner as others who have paid in all their moneys, or in point of remuneration for my service, I beseech you to move the Lords herein. [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

Aug. 19.

Bore Atton.

5. Sir Paul Harris, Sheriff of co. Salop, to Nicholas. I have endeavoured to gather in the ship-money by the time appointed, and have caused to be paid to my former factor 1,000*l.*, to be returned by the time, and then there will be remaining under 200*l.*, which I hope to gather in against my coming to London at Michaelmas. Before my going thence I will discharge the whole money, let me get it again as I may. I do not find but the whole county, for the general, are very willing in paying this money, as also to continue the like at his Majesty's pleasure, but the inequality of the allotments has caused delay, and withal the two references that

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were made to Sir John Bridgeman much hindered me, for in that hundred where he made the easement I can get but little money since. The corporations are to pay 938*l.*, whereof Shrewsbury and Wenlock are to pay 678*l.*, who are very backward. I have acquainted them with the Lords' letter for payment of their moneys by the last of this month, or else to attend the King in person. If they fail, there is no fault in me. If I may have authority to levy it I will do my best. There is one town in Clun hundred infected with the plague, where the collector dwells and has a great part of the money in his hands. [1 *p.*]

Aug. 19. 6. Letter of Attorney from Andrew Wilkinson, of Burrowbriggs [Boroughbridge], co. York, to Richard Hamby, of Westminster, to receive moneys due to the said Wilkinson as post of Boroughbridge. [1 *p.*]

Aug. 20. 7. Sir Henry Skipwith, Sheriff of co. Leicester, to Nicholas. Cotes. Finding that it is not possible to pay in the whole arrear of ship-money by the time prefixed (notwithstanding I daily endeavour the same), and being desirous to satisfy the Lords without further trouble, or taking so long a journey, if they would pardon my attendance on the first Sunday in September, I will not fail to pay in the whole arrear in Michaelmas term. I beseech you let me know their resolution therein. [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

Aug. 20. 8. Henry Percy to Sec. Windebank. I have received a letter Lindust from my Lord of Leicester, and one enclosed for you. My Lord [Lyndhurst]. Duke [of Lennox] commanded me to send you this warrant, believing if he had kept it in his hands till you had met, you could not conveniently have made use of it this year. The King called the chamberlain to him but now, for the concluding of the long-disputed business. I know not well the issue, but the thing was upon great disadvantage, for the chamberlain would not go without a second, and that was Taverner. I believe the King more than Hercules, therefore he may perchance be too hard for them both. P.S.—The warrant my Lord conceives to come from his aunt, but his service can proceed from none but himself. [2 *pp.*]

Aug. 20. 9. Appointment by Francis Coningesby, Lieutenant-Colonel, of Matthew Brodley, as his deputy in the execution of the commission, dated 22nd January 1635–6 (*see Vol. cccxii., No. 5*), whereby Coningesby was authorized to muster all the forts and castles in England and Wales. [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

Aug 21. 10. Sec. Windebank to Sec. Coke. Your letters from Lyndhurst Haines Hill. of 16th present came not to my hands until yesterday. For the business of Lord St. Albans, upon a petition of his to his Majesty, representing those motives which you will find in the letter from the Lord Deputy and Council to me, which goes herewith, his Majesty holding them reasonable, gave me order to prepare a letter to the Lord Deputy to warrant the allowance of 1,500*l.* to the Earl,

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which letter was signed by his Majesty, and is that which you conceive to have been a privy seal. There was no other order nor anything passed but by letter to the Lord Deputy. If this (as it seems by the Lord Deputy and the Council's letter) be contrary to the establishment, it is most fit to be stayed. But that the business passed the examination of certain Lords' referees, of which the Earl Marshal was one, who perhaps can give a more particular account of it, is most certain, upon whose certificate the whole proceeding was grounded. The letter from the Lord Deputy and Council to me, came to my hands two days before yours, and I made account to reserve it till his Majesty's return, but now I send it herewith. [2 pp.]

Aug. 21.
Boston.

11. Robert Long to Sec. Coke. In that warrant which you have procured for passing our new grants, there is a material thing omitted, which is the tenure. We desire only the same tenure granted by the former grants. Mr. Peacock will present a new warrant with that alteration which we are all suitors to you to obtain, beseeching you that there may be no alteration of the rent, as to my part, which I only speak for your favourable remembrance in case it should be attempted. [1 p.]

Aug. 21.
The Antelope,
in Cadiz Bay.

12. Capt. George Carteret to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. I have been in this road six days with four of his Majesty's ships, where I have taken in water and ballast, and am now ready to sail for England, except I hear of any Algiers men-of-war, then I intend to spend as much time as my victuals will give me leave, in hope to meet with some of them, the better to secure his Majesty's subjects who trade upon the coast in the vintage time. At my first coming hither I delivered to the English Consul at Cadiz a packet of letters to be sent to you from my Admiral, whom I left in Sallee road ready to set sail for Saphia. I doubt not he has acquainted you with the redemption of his Majesty's subjects who were there in captivity, and likewise with the peace he was concluding with them. [1 p.]

Aug. 21.

13. Sir Thomas Cotton, Sheriff of co. Huntingdon, to Nicholas. I have sent up the whole remainder of the ship-money for co. Huntingdon, the corporate towns excepted. The county was assessed at 2,000*l.*, whereof Huntingdon and Godmanchester were to pay 114*l.*, by their own particular officers. The remainder was wholly paid to Sir William Russell, so that I conceive I have discharged all that I was charged with, and hope to have a full discharge. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Aug. 21.
Oxford.

14. Sir Nathaniel Brent to Archbishop Laud, at Croydon. I received your Grace's letter of 16th inst., and have summoned Mr. Newman, who has promised to appear at Croydon some day this week. I am sorry that you should be troubled with so many untrue suggestions, as the enclosed petition contains. It is most untrue that I proceeded faintly in the business, or that I was con-

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tented with a transcript, or that I gave the speaker liberty to expunge what he pleased, or that the petitioner was deluded with vain shows, the cook or manciple being punished and not the offender. At the day of hearing, I shall be a suitor, that I may have justice against a disordered young man, governed by the rash counsel of a professed adversary. I am much bound to you for forbearing a visitation in respect of me. Howsoever I do so carry myself in my place, that I dare and shall be a suitor for a visitation. I am confident that it will be discovered by a visitation, that the secret informers against others are themselves the worst members of the college. As soon as I shall have done keeping courts, which were warned before I heard of the consecration of my Lord of Bangor, I will not fail to wait on you at Croydon. [1 p.] *Enclosed,*

14. I. *Petition of Richard Nevill, M.A., Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, to Archbishop Laud. Mr. Newman, one of the fellows, in a variation speech charged the petitioner with crimes of a scandalous nature, trenching even to his life. Petitioner complained to the warden, and desired him to urge Newman to produce his speech, which he did but faintly, and was content with a transcript, from which Newman expunged whatever made against petitioner. Mr. Warden sentenced him to be out of commons for a month, and ordered it to be entered on the register that he had received primam monitionem, but this punishment was not really inflicted. It being no satisfaction to petitioner if the cook or manciple suffers for Mr. Newman's offence (denying to pay for his commons), petitioner appeals to the archbishop and prays him to order Mr. Newman to produce the unaltered autographum of his speech. [1 p.]*

Aug. 21. 15. Bill for 3*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.*, for a quantity of well-rope bought of Edward Wood by Sir William Calley at 4*s.* per cwt., with 6*d.* paid porter to Holborn bridge. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Aug. 22. Grant of an incorporation of such worsted-combers within the city of Exeter and co. Devon, as have there used the said trade for three years last past, by the name of the Master, Wardens, and Company of Worsted-combers of Exeter and Devon. The said company to have a master, four wardens, viz., two of Exeter, and other two of the county; and 24, viz., 12 of the city, and 12 of the county, to be the common council of the same company, and the master and wardens to be accounted five of the said 24, with powers for government of the said corporation. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 22. 16. Certificate of Peter Pett, Robert Tranckmore, and others, being the Master, Wardens, and assistants of the Company of Shipwrights, to the Lords of the Admiralty. By your warrant, Thomas Mayden and William Hooke, of St. Mary Magdalen, shipwrights, were to be committed to the Marshalsea, if they did not submit to the charter

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granted to this company. Mayden and Hooke have made their appearance this day at the hall of the company, and have entered bond of 500*l.*, and taken oath not to serve any foreign prince, and also to be obedient to his Majesty's charter. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Aug. 22.

17. Statement of what took place between Mr. Arundel, parson of Stoke Bruerne, co. Northampton, one of the commissioners appointed by the Bishop of Peterborough to visit the churches in the deanery of Preston, and William Castell, rector of Courteenhall, in that county, on visiting his church. Mr. Arundel complained that the rails of the communion table were not decently placed. Castell refused to allow any alterations, saying there should be no new tricks put upon him, and that he could live as well in New England as here. When Pidgeon, the apparitor, endeavoured by direction of Arundel to measure the table, Castell pushed him away and called him rogue, rascal, cur, and other disgraceful names. He said his parishioners did not come to the rails to take the communion, nor should not, nor would he ever bring them to it; also that it was not fit to bow at the name of Jesus. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

17. I. *Another statement of irregularities in performance of divine worship and otherwise, charged against William Castell [probably in the handwriting of Dr. Clark], in addition to those before mentioned. He made diminutions and alterations in the service, never wore surplice or hood, did not use the catechism in the Prayer Book, hindered the churchwardens from cancelling in the communion table, and was a quarreller and fighter on the bowling leys.* [1 p.]

Aug. 22.

18. Sir William Belasys to Nicholas. I am to give you an account why the ship-money for co. Durham is not yet paid in, there being 300*l.* behind, most part whereof is to be paid by the owners of coal mines, who, notwithstanding the last order of 25th June, yet are so backward that I must be enforced to distrain. If there be any new writs for next year, the assessment may be more equally divided betwixt Newcastle and the cos. Durham and Northumberland, by making some abatements to the counties, and letting the mines be assessed with Newcastle; but I must not be known to advise it, most of the coal mines being within co. Durham. I must entreat your advice touching John Burdon, one of the high constables in Stockton ward, who has collected the moneys within his division, and has not given me an account of 70*l.*, nor paid in the moneys, and I took his bond to appear before the Lords. [1 p.]

Aug. 22.
Banbury.

19. Nathaniel Wheatly, Mayor of Banbury, to William Walter, Sheriff of co. Oxford. Upon receipt of the writ for ship-money, I assessed the money and made my warrant to the constables to collect, and, if need were, to distrain for the same. Divers times since I have called upon them, wishing them (if any should refuse to pay) to distrain, promising that I would save them harmless if my

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estate would do it, and proffering also to go with them and distrain myself upon any that they thought would be contentious. The constables having made show a long time that they would gather the same, do at last absolutely refuse to distrain or to be bound to appear before the Council. I have, since their refusal, made warrant to other officers to collect the said moneys, who likewise refuse to execute the same. Notwithstanding all this, I have taken pains myself in gathering the same, and purpose to proceed with as much speed as I may. But in regard my predecessor is molested and sued, and, by reason of the constables' refusal, I am not only opposed by many by shutting up their doors against me, but also am threatened to be sued by such a multitude, that I think my estate is not sufficient to defend me, and not knowing what course to take, I desire your advice. [*Endorsed by Nicholas, "Received 3^o Septembris 1637."* 1 p.]

Aug. 23. 20. Capt. Richard Fogg to Sec. Windebank. I received last night
The Convertive. your letter of 21st inst., wherein I have command for discharge of the Frenchmen and their sloops; this I will forthwith perform. The letter enclosed to the Earl of Northumberland, sent back by you, I will reserve against his expected return to the Downs. The Countess of Banbury, her eldest son, and her train, shall be wafted over. Since my last letter, Capt. Price, of the Pleiades, came into the Downs, who was employed to convoy a bark to the islands of Scilly, laden with carriages for the ordnance of that place; she being none of those ships appointed for these parts, intends to stand away for the west parts to meet with my Lord General. [1 p.]

Aug. 23. 21. William Marquess of Winchester to the same. Being informed by my cousin, Christopher Darcy, of your care in procuring a warrant for settling that weighty business which so nearly concerned me, I think myself obliged to render you thanks, and to study some way of acknowledgment. Having an earnest desire to visit you at your own house, I have sent this messenger to inquire whether your occasions will not draw you from thence this week, that I may give myself the contentment to see you at your summer habitation. [1 p.]

Aug. 23. 22. Sir William Widdrington, Sheriff of Northumberland, to
Widdrington. Nicholas, at Thorpe, near Staines. In Easter term last I paid to Sir William Russell for ship-money, 1,360*l.*, for which I have his acquittance, and of which I gave his Majesty and the Lords an account at the Board. The remainder of the sum being 740*l.*, was charged upon Newcastle, 700*l.*; Berwick, 20*l.*; and Morpeth, 20*l.*; all which is paid excepting the sum charged upon Newcastle, which I have no power to levy, it being a county of itself, with all which I desire you to acquaint the Lords. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Aug. 23. 23. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 1,886*l.* paid by William Fitton on behalf of Sir Thomas Cotton, sheriff of co. Huntingdon, in part of 2,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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- Aug. 23. 24. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 410*l.* paid by Ralph Poole on behalf of Sir Thomas Delves, sheriff of co. Chester, ship-money collected under writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Aug. 23. 25. Account of money laid out in some law businesses, in one of which Lady Pilstone and Mr. Mostyn, in Flintshire, were parties. Total, 6*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- Aug. 23. 26. Note by Sir John Lambe of money given towards the repair of St. Paul's, by wills, since 13th June 1634. Total, 2,794*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
- Aug. 24. 27. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 1,000*l.* paid by Rene Bailly on behalf of John Lucas, sheriff of Essex, in part of 8,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Aug. 25. 28. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Coke. The extreme Plymouth Sound. foul weather (since my last of the 17th present) has scarce given us leave to look out of Plymouth Sound. Twice we were enticed by flattering mornings to go out to sea, but before we could get our anchors aboard, both wind and weather changed. Yesterday we attempted it again the third time, and got out to sea. We beat it off and on all day; in the afternoon the wind shifted, and blowing hard, drove us so far to leeward that we had some difficulty to reach this place again. Our victuals draw so near an end, as if I receive not command to the contrary I shall not venture to stay in these parts above eight days longer, but will then take the first opportunity of weather to repair to the Downs. [1 p.]
- Aug. 25. 29. Archbishop Laud to [Dr. Isaac Bargrave], Dean of Canterbury. Croydon. I received your letters of the 7th inst., but did not think fit to return answer till I had prepared things for peace, at least so far as I am able; but the plain truth is, I see somewhat amiss in all, and yet, perhaps, not so much amiss in any as would be made. And first, for your petty canon's place, that business is now settled, and you have your desires for Baylie; so I hope so much of your quarrel is at an end. They who opposed this election have given me an account of their refusal. 'Tis in some part very reasonable. But they are satisfied, notwithstanding the objection of his insufficiency, in regard he has assumed not to meddle with anything that has cure of souls abroad, but only to keep himself to the cathedral service. You write that they pretend their power with me and the knowledge of my will. Surely they know no more of me than the rest of the brethren have, or may have; and I cannot think them so vain as to brag of that they have not. As for revilings of theirs in chapter, I hope their very calling will keep them from that. But if they should be guilty of so gross an offence, you would do well to complain by instance; for neither can they tell what to answer, nor I to say to generals. As for your promise in business of elections to go with the major and graver part, that is not it which has so much been excepted against, as that you propose not, especially in the

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choice of choirmen, more than one, that so the fittest for that service may be taken. Concerning the vault, I find that it was the place of common cellarage when the table was up, and therefore properly belongs neither to you nor Dr. Peake. But all agree that he needs it, and that all other doors into it have been forced. And therefore I think you shall do very well to give it to that house by a chapter act. Since you have no right to it, he has no reason to thank you for that you cannot give. And yet, since he has no right to it, he might well have been content to thank you for moderation and peace, and so enjoy the place for his use any way; but this stiffness of all sides will breed no peace to yourselves, nor reputation to that church. For the reparation of your house, I fear it will be an ill example, for every prebend may ask the like. But if, as you write, many of your company incline to it, let them send it me under their hands, and I will consider of it. I will thank the judges for their care at the assizes. [*Copy.* 1 p.]

Aug. 25. 30. Account by Sir William Russell of ship-money received and outstanding under writs of August 1636. Total received, 148,207*l.* 9*s.* 7½*d.*; outstanding, 48,392*l.* 10*s.* 4½*d.* [1¼ p.]

Aug. 25. 31. Account of ship-money levied and remaining in the sheriffs' hands, being 7,163*l.*, making, with the 148,207*l.* paid to Sir William Russell, 155,370*l.* as the total sum collected. [1 p.]

Aug. 26. 32. Officers of the Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. On examination of making the sails for his Majesty's ships, which has been done by Mr. Prusen, lately deceased, and his father for sixty years, we have found it more advantageous to work them hereafter in his Majesty's own storehouse at Chatham, and at cheaper rates than formerly. Various reasons are stated for coming to this conclusion, and the writers recommend the allowance of a competent yearly salary to the sailmaker, who must constantly live at Chatham, which they conceive cannot be less than 100*l.* per annum. [1 p.]

Aug. 26. 33. Sir William Russell to Nicholas. I send you certificate of what moneys have been received (*see No. 30*), as also how the issues stood the 24th inst., since which time there has been received about 3,000*l.*, so as if his Majesty shall call in three or four ships, I doubt not but we shall have money to pay them off. We intend on Tuesday next to begin to strike the great ship to prepare her for launching, and herewith send you an estimate of the charge, which must be presently set in hand, for making the provisions therein mentioned (especially the flags), which otherwise will not be ready. Present it to be signed by the Lords of the Admiralty, and send it me back by the bearer, that a privy seal may be passed accordingly. If his Majesty shall alter his resolution in launching her, send the bearer back to me with as much speed as possible, to the end I may give order for the carpenters not coming from Chatham and other places, who otherwise will be here on Monday night. It is to be considered what ships shall be sent

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into Portsmouth this year, that they may be such as need least reparations, for his Majesty cannot have a pennyworth of work there done under twopence, in respect the King's yard and the ships lie so far asunder for transporting materials, and the weather uncertain. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Aug. 26.
Tower Street,
London.

34. Robert Smyth to Nicholas. Since writing my former letter, there is come in from Worcester 100*l.*; from Stafford 550*l.*; and they promise about the middle of the next term full account of the remains. There will be one with you at Oatlands to-morrow morning, with an acquittance for this 550*l.*, and letters from the sheriff. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Aug. 26.
Scadbury.

35. Sir Thomas Walsingham to the same. Complaint is made that one has got licence to transport oysters out of Kent for the Queen of Bohemia, under colour of which all the oysters are transported, so as the markets are unfurnished, and the price so raised, that unless some speedy course be taken, there will be no oysters to be had in Kent. Prevention will be very acceptable to the country. [1 p.]

Aug. 26.
Passenham.

36. Sir Robert Banister to Sir Henry Vane. Since the receipt of the order from the Board I have not spent any hour about my own affairs, but wholly bent myself to perform what therein was required. I doubt not but by the end of next week to send 2,000*l.* to Sir William Russell. My suit to you is to move that my attendance appointed for the first Sunday in September may be spared, in regard I lost three months' time by reference to referees; and now my year draws near to an end, time is very precious to me, intending to accomplish the greatest part of the work by my own hands. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Aug. 27.

37. Petition of Richard Wolley, clerk, M.A., to the King. Petitioner having been vicar of Leighton, co. Salop, almost 40 years, both he and his predecessors have always had free liberty of commons in all the woods and waste grounds. Certain late purchasers of the lands and commons there, namely, Thomas Wolrych, the heirs of Roger Pavyer, late merchant, deceased, and others, have lately enclosed all the said commons to their own private use, and have excluded petitioner with many threatening words, to the utter disabling of petitioner, the extreme detriment of the church, and moreover of divers poor tenants. Prays reference to the Council for examination of the premises. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

37. I. *Reference to Archbishop Laud, Lord Keeper Coventry, and Sec. Coke, to compose the business if they can, otherwise to certify. Oatlands, 27th August 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.] Annexed,*

37. II. *Appointment by the above referees to hear the business on the 30th May next at the Council Board. 9th April 1638. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

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[Aug. 27.]

38. Petition of Sir Edward Littleton, Sheriff of co. Stafford, to the Council. Petitioner has used his utmost endeavours, and has, with much care and pains in his own person, got already of the arrears of ship-money 550*l.*, and has sent the same up to be paid, and strives to get in the rest, and hopes fully to effect the same by the middle of next term; he has paid in all, 2,000*l.* Beseeches the Lords to move his Majesty to spare petitioner's attendance in September. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

About.

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39. Petition of Sir John Meldrum to the Lords of the Admiralty. Upon a mistaking of the Earl of Portland, that petitioner's letters patents for the North and South Foreland lights were not passed the Great Seal, and that you had stopped the collection of petitioner's duty from strangers at the Isle of Wight, the Earl has given order to Capt. Tourney, who commands the castle at Cowes, to stop the collection for the said lights, giving way to the other collection for William Bullock for another light at Dungeness, in like manner complained of by petition of inhabitants of the said isle. At Falmouth, Plymouth, and other ports where strangers come, they begin to refuse payment, claiming the like immunity. Prays order that the honour of the Great Seal may be vindicated, not only in the Isle of Wight, but in all roads, harbours, and ports where strangers resort. [*Endorsed by Nicholas, "Received the 28th August 1637."* 1 p.]

Aug. 27.
Oatlands.

Nicholas to Jerome Earl of Portland. Upon petition of Sir John Meldrum, above calendared, No. 39, the Lords of the Admiralty have commanded me to signify to you that they did not make stay of the letters patents for those lights, but hold it fit that the grant for those lights should be obeyed. [*Copy. Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 158.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Aug. 27.

40. John Button, Sheriff of Hants, [to Nicholas]. My petition is that I may be dispensed with payment of the remainder of the ship-money for this county, and attendance on the Council, until the 20th October next; for, having not yet collected all the moneys, if I should be enforced to attend the Council I shall lose so much time in the collection that I shall not be able to pay it in by All-hallowtide; but, by obtaining this favour, I shall no way doubt to bring in the whole arrear by the 20th October, excepting moneys imposed on corporate towns, which I have only power to receive, but not to collect. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Aug. 27.
Lyndhurst.

41. G. R. Weckherlin to [Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh]. Lord Conway's letter finds almost as much water and as heavy winds in the woods where the King's Court is at this time, as there are with Lord Conway, but the writer is comforted to find what entertainment Lord Conway received from a new and very fine book, and much longs for further notice of it. The writer's French letters mention a little domestic commotion in the Court of France, and he then details the arrest of La Porte, the search among

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his letters, the consequent search among those of the Queen at Val de Grace, and those of the abbess of that establishment and several of the nuns, the expulsion of the abbess, and the command given to the religious to proceed to a new election. Since which the King had revisited the Queen with his usual caresses. Other news from the same letters related to the advance of Duke Bernhard across the Rhine, and that the Duke de Longueville designed the siege of Salins, whilst the Duke of Lorraine, besides his other crosses, was vanquished by a fair marquess in Besançon, and suborned one courier after another to bring him news of his wife's death at Paris, where she was in health and was leading a merry life. March of the French towards Brussels, and discontent of the people there with the Spanish government. Progress of the siege of Breda, and advance of the approaches of the besiegers under Colonel Morgan and Charnassé, Counts William of Nassau and Henry of Frize, with other news from the seat of war. The Infante Cardinal's army is 15,000 strong, and the people are entertained from time to time with false news of their army's prosperous actions, whereby the Prince of Orange begins to despair. [3 pp.]

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42. Petition of Peter Radke, Commissioner of Norway, to the King. Petitioner was sent hither from Norway for recovery of one of the King of Denmark's ships, called the Fortune, which, although known to belong to the said King, was sold in the Court of Admiralty for 1,100*l.* within five months after her arrival in England, wherein the Court proceeded against the laws of nations, it being a common course in all parts to stay a year and a day, and if within that space none come to claim her, then it is lawful to sell her. We neither knew what was become of the ship, nor could by reason of the farness of the way get notice of her arrival, or come hither to stay the selling thereof, but as soon as we got notice of her arrival in England, the King of Denmark sent his letters to claim her as his own, which letters were taken at sea by a Dunkirker, and so in the meantime she was sold. The King of Denmark has written his second letters to your Majesty concerning the said ship, whereupon your Majesty gave order to the Judge of the Court of Admiralty to see your uncle righted, upon which the judge gave sentence that the ship should be restored to petitioner for the King of Denmark, but not unless petitioner would pay down 1,400*l.*, which seemed somewhat strange to petitioner, neither had he any commission to buy in such sort his Majesty's ship again. Beseeches order to the Court of Admiralty that the ship may be restored to petitioner for the King of Denmark, and that those who have anything to pretend to her may come to Norway to claim it, where they shall have all manner of satisfaction. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

42. 1. *Reference by the Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Henry Marten, to certify the true state of this business, and how satisfaction may be given to the King of Denmark. Oatlands, 28th August 1637. [1 p.]*

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Aug. 28. Minute of the preceding petition, and copy of the reference thereon.
[See Vol. cccliii., fol. 51. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Aug. 28.
Hereford.

43. Roger Vaughan, Sheriff of co. Hereford, to the Council. In April I paid to Sir William Russell 2,780*l.*, being the only occasion of my journey then to London, and although it were raised with difficulty, yet I find the levying the arrears a far harder work, little thereof being paid, but as it is forced by distress. Since my return from London, every fortnight I called upon the chief constables to hasten the service, and at length was driven to send my own servants to assist them, who are not yet returned, the plague being in divers the best towns and many parishes. Being not able for the present to perform the commands of the 12th July, it is my suit to you to respite me for a month. I have in my hands a good part of the arrears, the which if I cannot return it sooner, with the rest that I shall levy in the meantime, I will pay it in myself. The mayor of Hereford informs me that he has sent 150*l.* to London, his charge being 185*l.* I have likewise made known your commands to the bailiff of Leominster. [Seal with arms. 2 pp.]

Aug. 28.
Hereford.

44. The same to Nicholas. Letter substantially the same as the preceding. [Seal with arms. $1\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Aug. 28.
Prendergast.

45. Sir John Stepney, Sheriff of co. Pembroke, to the Council. I have gathered into my hands of late, though with some difficulty, in respect of men's poverty and not otherwise, near all the arrear of the ship-money within this county, which arrear I am ready to pay over. I pray you to tolerate with the non-payment and my appearance at this present, for the great session of the county is held the 11th September, wherein I am constrained to attend. Far be it from my intent to pass over the same to my successor, but truly to make payment thereof the first day of Michaelmas term next, where you have appointed. My desire is that I may have that time for sending up the arrears. [Seal with arms. 1 p.]

Aug. 28.
Oatlands.

46. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Peruse letters from Officers of the Navy. Sign two estimates sent by the Officers of the Navy, and some other letters. Consider Mr. Edisbury's letter touching decayed provisions; also what ships shall be called in, and which continued abroad this winter. Mr. Edisbury has certified which ships he conceives fit to come to Portsmouth. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Aug. 28.
Oatlands.

Order of the Lords of the Admiralty. Upon certificate of the Company of Shipwrights of Rotherhithe (see No. 16), it was ordered that Thomas Mayden and William Hooke, shipwrights, be released from the custody of the Keeper of the Marshalsea. [Copy. Vol. cccliii., fol. 49 b. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Aug. 28.
Oatlands.

Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. It is his Majesty's pleasure that the great ship building at Woolwich shall be launched about the 25th September next, and to this purpose we

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wrote our letters to you of 10th July last. These are to pray you not to fail to prepare all things requisite, and if there be occasion you may appoint a deputy boatswain to attend the service in that ship, in the absence of Rabanett, who is her boatswain. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 49 b. ½ p.*]

Aug. 28.
Oatlands.

Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. Upon request of Viscount Wentworth, Lord Deputy of Ireland, his Majesty is pleased that the Swallow and the Ninth Whelp shall be constantly kept in Ireland for guard of that coast, and all charges for wages be paid there. The moneys for those wages are already paid to Sir William Russell, but are to be by him paid back in Ireland. You are to allow Sir William all such moneys repaid by him to the Treasurer of Ireland. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 50. ½ p.*]

Aug. 28.
Oatlands.

The same to Capt. Fogg. It is his Majesty's pleasure that the Marquess of St. George, and his brother the Marquess of Montglas, shall be transported for Calais. You are to give the necessary orders to some of the ships now with you to transport them accordingly; and to return into the Downs, to observe instructions of the Earl of Northumberland. [*Copy. Ibid. ½ p.*]

Aug. 28.
Oatlands.

The same to [Montjoy Earl of Newport]. To give order that Thomas Man, John Marston, William Tristram, and Adam Graves, with others, owners of the Exchange, 300 tons, lying in the Thames, may be permitted to supply that ship with iron ordnance. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 50 b. ½ p.*]

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Oatlands.

The same to [the same]. The like for Richard Hill, John Smart, Lawrence Greene, and John Baker, with others, owners of the new ship the Mayflower, 180 tons, lying in the Thames. [*Copy. Ibid. ½ p.*]

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47. Certificate of Henry Goddard, Edward Boate, and Nathaniel Apslin, his Majesty's shipwrights. These ships now employed are fittest to come into Portsmouth: the Triumph, the Swiftsure, the Vanguard, the James, the Dreadnought, the Second Whelp, and the Roebuck. The St. George, into Chatham, the Convertive and the Bonaventure to be dry docked. From the Mary, the Unicorn, the Rainbow, the Leopard, the Antelope, the Mary Rose, the First Whelp, the Greyhound, the Swan, and the Fortune, there may be appointed the number that shall stay in the Narrow Seas. [*¼ p.*]
Underwritten,

47. I. *Note by Sir William Russell. My opinion is that all those ships that are to ride at Portsmouth be called in, and I will send down the money against their coming. Let me receive present answer, because if so much of the country moneys come not in, I may have time to procure it else. [¼ p.]*

Aug. 28.

48. Brief relating to disputes in the town of Shrewsbury, with statement of the objections raised to an application made for a grant

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of a new incorporation, and copy of articles agreed upon this day by the bailiffs and others of the corporate officers, by the mediation of Sir Richard Newport. [= 9½ pp.]

Aug. 28.
Pottnei
[Putney].

49. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Windebank. It is three weeks since he received any letters from the Hague. The Prince of Orange is raising extraordinary works before Breda, but up to the 22nd or 23rd inst. N. S. had not begun to bombard the town. It had been reported that the Prince Cardinal had taken Venlo, but he has only besieged. If he can take it and then Ruremond, these will be approaches for the siege of Maestricht; but the season for such operations is now far advanced. The Swedes in Germany are in very bad plight, more by their own divisions than otherwise; Bannier refusing to be commanded by Wrangel, and the other reproaching him for his retreat. The French have done nothing since the capture of Landrecy but burn and destroy the country, ruining the poor people without any advantage to themselves. Duke Bernhard has crossed the Rhine with part of his army to compel the Imperialists to retreat. [*French.* 1 p.]

Aug. 28.
Canbury.

50. Thomas Coventry to Capt. Charles Price, Dublin. The business in controversy was ended by Sir Henry Marten in a judicial way before Lord Craven's going, but not without his liking, for he expressed as much to me, when he saw it would go that way, and he parted without any ill opinion of me about that business. Sir Percy Herbert is gone to live at Chester. My brother, John Craven, has gone to Lady Spencer's; the King has granted him to take place as a baron's son. We all parted good friends. Batt. Baker was lately, by the Earl Marshal, committed to the Fleet for a wrangling business with Sergeant Powell, but I think he is released again. Sir Faithful Fortescue is gone to Breda to see what doings are there. Mr. Lloyd's cause is set down to be heard in the beginning of next term; the other Mr. Lloyd about the living, my lord was willing to grant his desire, but he could not bring the living within his gift. For the scholar to be brought into Sutton's Hospital, I shall be ready to do my best endeavour. Sir Henry Calthrop, attorney of the wards, is lately dead. My little boys are at present here, but are to return next week to school. The sickness in London is well abated, but continues very bad in Worcester. [*Seal with crest.* 1¾ p.]

Aug. 28.

51. Dr. Richard Lloyd to Kenrick Edisbury. My nephew Wynn, the now sheriff of co. Denbigh, being charged with the collection of ship-money, about six weeks since entrusted a drover with return of 400*l.*, in payment whereof the drover has disappointed him, whereby he is in danger to be convented before the Lords. His request is that the Treasurer forbear until St. Matthew's fair, being but three weeks, when, if the drover pay not, he will otherwise provide, wherein you may much pleasure him by one word spoken to Sir William Russell, or his servant Mr. Fenn. P.S.—Remember me to Mrs. Edisbury, your sons, and their wives. [*Seal with arms.* ¾ p.]

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Aug. 29.

Warrant to pay to Thomas Smithsby, his Majesty's saddler, 2,361*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.*, for work done and wares delivered for the service of the King and Queen into the Great Wardrobe, from Lady Day 1634 to Lady Day 1637, as by certificate of the master of the Great Wardrobe. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 29.

Warrant to pay 200*l.* to Sir Henry Vane, already disbursed for his Majesty's secret service. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 29.

Licence to travel for Richard Delamain, gentleman, with one servant and 30*l.* in money, to remain abroad during the space of one year. [*Docquet.*]

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52. John Nicholas to his son Edward Nicholas, at Thorpe. I this morning begin my journey into Somerset, and shall not return until Saturday se'nnight, when I hope to find your letters here. Your mother has sent your wife a pigeon pie, directed to be left at the Red Lion at Staines. P.S.—I dined yesterday with the Bishop of Salisbury, who, by order of the Lords in King James's time, received into his custody the arms of Lord Arundel, of Wardour; he says they will spoil for want of an armourer to look unto them; he has sent to Lord Arundel, and offered to give entertainment to such as he will send to keep them clean; but he answered the bishop, he had given them to the King. You will do the bishop a great courtesy to move the Lords to dispose of them. There are 60 of the armours or thereabouts, and all for horsemen; better to be sent to the Tower for his Majesty's service. Lord Cottington is Lord Arundel's great friend. [*Endorsed are various brief memoranda by Edward Nicholas, relating to the principal subject in this letter, and other events of interest in October 1638; among them "Bishop of Rochester dead; Queen Mother; two masques at Court; Sir Walter Vaughan; order about arms of Lord Arundel; French Ambassador coming; four horses Morocco; and Ambassador (?)." Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

Aug. 29.

53. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 102*l.* paid by William Wych, of London, on behalf of Adam Acton, bailiff of Ludlow, Salop, in part of 4,500*l.* ship-money charged upon the said county by writ of 12th August 1636. [*Unsigned by Sir William Russell. 3/4 p.*]

Aug. 29.

54. Petition of William Parkinson, minister of Hemswell, co. Lincoln, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner in April last complaining to your Grace, was referred to the Bishop of Lincoln, to whom, being busied with matters of suit betwixt the King and him, petitioner could have no access. The rectory of Hemswell, being worth six score pounds per annum, was granted away by Henry VIII., and a vicarage appointed out of the same is now changed into a stipendiary, petitioner's allowance for serving the cure being but 11*l.*, with church dues not amounting to 20 marks, some small tithes being violently taken away, and the rectory house ruined. The mayor and aldermen of Lincoln, owners of the rectory, have several times promised

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to re-edify the dwelling-house, restore the tithes wrongfully taken away, and augment the stipend. Prays remedy. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

54. I. *Extract from a grant of Henry VIII., whereby the corporation of Lincoln were empowered to appoint perpetual vicars in Hanslope, Hemswell, Surfleet, and Belton.* [Lat. 1½ p.]

54. II. *William Aistrop, chief constable, and five others, inhabitants of Hemswell, to Archbishop Laud. Certificate that the minister of Hemswell is of good life and conversation, and observant of the rites and ceremonies of the Church, and that the facts stated in the preceding petition are true.* [1 p.]

Aug. 29.

55. Richard Newman, M.A., and Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, to Archbishop Laud. Answer to allegation of Richard Nevill, Fellow of the said College, preferred in a petition of his. Presents a true copy of his variation speech, the same that was spoken and given to Mr. Warden. For this speech he has already suffered a heavy censure; he was excommunicated a whole month, during which time he was bound not to go out of town, and is registered to have received a first admonition, which in the house is accounted a very severe punishment; and at the election of officers was put out of office, and his junior admitted. Petitioner resigns himself to the archbishop, hoping that he will judge his punishment satisfactory for his offence, being "the unadvised excursions of an over-rash and youthful pen, and not the deliberate scandals of a mischievous mind." [¾ p.]

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56. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

Aug. 30.

57. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 833*l.* 6*s.* paid by Arthur French on behalf of Lloyd Pierce, sheriff of co. Montgomery, part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon North Wales by writ of 12th August 1636. [¾ p.]

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58. Receipt of John Lucas, sheriff of Essex, for a letter directed to him from Nicholas. [¼ p.]

Aug. 31.
Westminster.

59. Warrant to pay Sir Henry Vane, Comptroller of the Household, 200*l.*, which he has disbursed for his Majesty's secret service, [8 lines on parchment.]

Aug. 31.
The Convertive.

60. Capt. Richard Fogg to Sec. Windebank. I appointed Capt. Smith, of the *Prudence*, to be in Rye Bay on Tuesday last, to attend the Countess of Banbury, her eldest son and their train, who purposed to be there that day. The Frenchmen of Calais and their two sloops are both discharged. I yesterday received your warrant to appoint a ship to be in the Downs on 6th September, to transport the Marquess of St. George and his brother, of which I shall be careful. Since my last I have sent Capt. Slingsby, of the *Royal Defence*, to convoy some barks for Dunkirk, [and] Capt. Donald, of the *First Whelp*, with vessels for Ostend. I have appointed Capt. Burley, of the *Mayflower*, to convoy vessels of Dover for the *Tassell*

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[Texel], and Sir Elias Hickes, of the Richard and Mary, to convoy barks to Rouen. [*Endorsed by Windebank, "Answered 4th September, at Oatlands, with letters to my Lord of Northumberland for his revocation."* 1 p.]

Aug. 31. 61. Jerome Harvey to his cousin Richard Harvey, at Mr. Porter's lodging at the Court. Writes by John Collins. Desires to hear from him, and to know where to send to him on occasion. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]
 Hovnstert
 [Hound-street?]

Aug. 31. 62. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 621*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.* paid by William Cockayne on behalf of Ralph Freeman, sheriff of co. Hertford, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Aug. 31. 63. Similar receipt for 700*l.* paid by René Bailly on behalf of John Lucas, sheriff of Essex, in part of 8,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [1 p.]

Aug. 31. 64. The like for 1,900*l.* paid by Thomas Kirke on behalf of Sir John Carleton, sheriff of co. Cambridge, part of 3,500*l.* charged upon that county for ship-money by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Aug. 31. 65. Brief of proceedings concerning the transportation of oysters, and the abuse in destroying the brood. It comprises—

65. I. Copy reference of the first petition upon this subject to the Lord Mayor of London, and Richard Carmarden, Surveyor of Customs in London. Bagshot, 31st August 1637. [$\frac{1}{6}$ p.]

65. II. Copy certificate of Richard Fenn, Lord Mayor, and Richard Carmarden, with consent of the Court of Aldermen and the Recorder. The scarcity of oysters arises from excessive exportation, and the dredgers taking them before they come to full growth. The export in barrels, both raw and pickled, is as great a cause as any other. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

65. III. Minute of a second petition for preventing the said abuses, by a prohibition to exportation without licence of petitioners, and a payment of 12*d.* a bushel for oysters exported in shells, and 2*d.* a quart for those pickled, and of 2*s.* 6*d.* for every obligation not to destroy the brood of oysters. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

65. IV. Copy reference to the Attorney or Solicitor-General to certify. Whitehall, 2nd April 1638. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

65. V. Copy certificate of Sir Edward Littleton, Solicitor-General. It is apparent that the scarcity of oysters proceeds from excessive exportation and abuse of the dredgers, all which your Majesty may reform by restraining exportation, and imposing penalties on the dredgers. 22nd May 1638. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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65. VI. *Copy reference to the Council for redress. Theobalds, 31st May 1638. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

[Aug. ?] 66. The King to [the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London]. We understand that the place of historian to the city of London is become void by the death of "Benjamin Johnson." We recommend Thomas May, whom we know to be every way qualified for that employment, expecting that you forthwith choose him to the said place. [*Draft by Sec. Windebank. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

[Aug. ?] 67. The same to Attorney-General Bankes and Solicitor-General Littleton. Sir David Cunningham has informed us that the button-makers in London and Westminster daily resort to him and implore him to become a suitor to us for their incorporation, and have offered to pay to us the several rates in an intended grant thereof to the said Sir David and Alexander Dunsire contained. We require you to review the said grant and prepare a grant of incorporation to the said buttonmakers. [*Fair copy, but unsigned. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

[Aug. ?] 68. The same to the same. We have been formerly petitioned by the beavermakers in London to incorporate them and sever them from the feltmakers, and to prohibit all foreign hats and caps, and all mixtures with beaver, which petition, on the 13th June last, we granted, and committed the despatch thereof to certain lords, who have called before them the petitioners and the feltmakers, and the only difference that rests unagreed upon is the making the said trades several bodies with distinct governments, which it is our pleasure to have done. You are to prepare a grant of incorporation accordingly. [*Fair copy unsigned. = $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

[Aug. ?] 69. Petition of Michael Holman to the King. Philip Willoughby being indebted to petitioner in 1,000*l.*, and almost 300*l.* for forbearance. Willoughby is also indebted to other persons 300*l.*, which petitioner is liable to pay if Willoughby do not. Willoughby having been long protected, your Majesty ordered in Council that he should not be so any longer. He has failed to show the Lord Keeper how his debts should be paid, his estate having been long since conveyed and not liable to his debts. Petitioner prays that no further protection be granted, but that petitioner may be allowed to proceed against him at law. [*1 p.*]

[Aug.] 70. Petition of John Cartwright to the Council. On complaint of petitioner's father, lying upon his death-bed, of an unjust taxation laid upon him by Sir Robert Bannister, sheriff of co. Northampton, towards the ship-money, the Lords referred the same to four gentlemen, and in case they could not agree, to the Earl of Exeter, Lord Lieutenant of the county. The four gentlemen not agreeing, the Earl made an assessment of 6*l.* on petitioner's father, which petitioner has since his death paid on 23rd July last. But on the 15th July several persons attempted to drive away some of petitioner's beasts out of their pasture, but not being able to drive the beasts out of the same departed peaceably, and on the 15th of August the sheriff came, as he said, to see if petitioner would pay

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9*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.* besides the 6*l.*, and immediately afterwards stopped four of petitioner's oxen coming in a wain through the street, and called upon his men to kill the wainman, which they would have done had not the curate of the town delivered him. The sheriff thereupon sold the oxen for the said 9*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*, and sent the wainman and a poor smith, a tenant of petitioner's, pinioned with ropes as felons to Northampton gaol. Prays redress. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

[Aug. ?]

71. Petition of Governor, Assistants, and Fellowship of Eastland Merchants to the Council. At the last parliament in Poland an edict was made prohibiting the vent of strained cloths in those parts, and requiring clothing to be made of sizes contrary to the statutes of this kingdom. About which grievance petitioners have forborne to move you until the coming of the Polish ambassador, who being now come and not yet admitted audience, petitioners, considering of what dangerous consequence the departure of the ambassador not having audience may prove to them in regard of their great estates subject to embargo, they pray direction what course they may take. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

[Aug.]

72. Petition of Henry Osey and John Mason, late bailiffs of Basingstoke, to the same. 60*l.* was charged last year upon Basingstoke for ship-money. Petitioners collected 53*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, and paid the same to the sheriff. Relying upon the promises of those who were assessed for the residue, petitioners neglected to levy the same, and petitioners being now out of office, they refuse to pay the same. Pray till Christmas for levying the same, and that the present bailiffs and constables may be enjoined to assist petitioners in levying the amount. [*Underwritten is a list of the persons in arrear, George West being the principal person, who owes 4*l.** 1 p.]

[Aug. ?]

73. Petition of William Dore, late constable of the hundred of Norton Ferris, Somerset, to the same. Petitioner, on behalf of the said hundred, heretofore petitioned to be relieved of a great overcharge for shipping. During the reference and since the order that the amount should be paid for this time, petitioner has been unable to collect the same, and divers of the hundred seeing that petitioner is discharged from being constable are yet behind. Understanding that the Lords are displeased with petitioner's proceedings he is heartily sorry, and prays his discharge from further attendance, submitting to pay the arrear in some short time. He has spent 40*l.* in labouring to ease the hundred of the overcharge, of which he cannot get a penny. [*Underwritten, "Discharge upon bond."* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

[Aug.]

74. Petition of inhabitants of Wigan, co. Lancaster, to the same. Recite petition to the Board in July last (*see Vol. ccclxiii., No. 53*), complaining of the amount (50*l.*) at which they had been assessed to the ship-money; and the order of the Board thereon (*see Ibid., No. 54*), that Wigan should be left out of the ship-money writ this year, and should thenceforth be rated in an indifferent manner. The poverty of the town was such that it had been obliged to solicit the help of other towns for the maintenance of their poor, of which fact

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they annex a certificate, and pray that henceforth they may be assessed at 20*l*. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p*.] *Annexed*,

74. I. *Justices of Peace of co. Lancaster to the Council. Certify the facts above stated and the great poverty of Wigan, and that 20*l*. is a full rate for the inhabitants to bear.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p*.]

[Aug. ?] 75. Lawrence Whitaker and Edward Johnson to the Council. Upon information of offences committed by Thomas Geire and John Sandford against the proclamation for gold and silver thread, we find that they have used divers practices to deceive his Majesty's subjects by making gold and silver thread much under the statute, and continue making such base stuff and keep themselves in secret corners, where the messengers we have employed cannot come at them. Pray a warrant from the Council to Abel Tashe and John Blinkerne, messengers attending the commission for gold and silver thread, for apprehending Geire and Sandford, with power to break open doors of rooms where the messengers shall suspect them to be. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p*.]

[Aug. ?] 76. John Ashe, James Hayes, and four others, Western Clothiers, to the same. Certify that for making fine west country cloths we of necessity must have Castile and Venice soap, and that the usual west country hard soap is not of any use for those kind of cloths. If we be restrained from buying Castile and Venice soap, it will tend to the destruction of our trade. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p*.]

[Aug.] 77. [The Council] to Sir Henry Croke, Master of the Pipe. In Trinity term last George Walker and Thomas Lund, of Lincoln, and Cadwallader Powell, of Buckden, were fined with the Bishop of Lincoln in several sums of money in the Star Chamber, which fines are estreated into the Exchequer. It is his Majesty's pleasure that no process as yet issue out of the Exchequer for levying the fines of Walker, Lund, and Powell. [*Draft.* = $\frac{3}{4}$ *p*.]

[Aug. ?] 78. The College of Physicians to [the Council]. Report on such annoyances as they conceive likely to increase the sickness in this populous city. They were,— 1. The increase of buildings by which multitudes are drawn hither to inhabit. 2. Inmates by whom houses are so pestered that they become unwholesome. 3. Neglect of cleansing the common sewers and town ditches, and permitting standing ponds in inns. 4. The uncleanness of the streets. 5. Laystalls so near the city, especially on the north side. 6. Slaughter-houses. 7. Burying of infected persons in churches and churchyards in the city. 7. Overlaying of churches with burials, so that many times they take up bodies to make way for more burials. 8. Carrying up funnels to the tops of the houses from privies and vaults. 9. Selling musty corn and baking bread thereof, and brewers using unsound malt. 10. Butchers killing unsound cattie. 11. Tainted fish. They suggest the provision of a commission or office of health, which has

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been found useful in Spain, Italy, and elsewhere. For other directions they refer to a treatise presented by them last year. [1½ p.]

[Aug. ?]

79. Notes taken during a visitation of churches in co. Buckingham, commencing on the 7th of July and terminating on the 17th August in this year. These notes relate to the state of the fabric and of the seats, to the communion table with its fittings, the font, the vestments of the clergymen, the service books, the register, the poor man's box, and all the ordinary fittings, with the state of the churchyard. The following is a full example of the kind of particulars to be found in these notes:—

BEACONSFIELD.—4th August.—Four bells; saint's bell; a clock. The chancel wants tiling, and the ceiling over the communion table in decay. The rails to have a "barrister" between every space. The east benches, &c. The four seats on the north side of the middle aisle too high; viz., Mr. George Gosnell's, Mr. Edmund Waller's, of the town, and his wife's seat. The four seats on the north side of the chancel; viz., the parsons' wives' seat, and their servants' two seats, Mr. Edmund Waller's of Gregories, all of them to be taken down to the notch, and the three seats on the north side of them, wherein Mr. Waller with other of his friends, to be made equal with the rest. The minister and churchwardens to certify the names of the parties that sit in the rest of the high seats. Some seats want repair and boarding. Instructions. Table of degrees. A new cover for the font. The back of Mrs. Waller's seat on the north side aforesaid to be taken a handful lower. The communion carpet to be fringed. They have a green velvet cushion, and pulpit cloth of velvet also, and a border for the top of the pulpit made of "call" and fringed with silk. The seats want boarding in the bottoms and repairing, &c. Two porch doors and benches, and bars for the windows. No poor man's box. The belfry wants paving. The books not seen. There are two surplices and stoup and chalice. The porch and buttresses out of repair, and the ivy to be cut down. The east end of the chancel greatly in decay. The windows are broken in the glass. The churchyard mounds, being "slopes" and rails, and the parsonage walls, being part of the mounds, are in decay. The parsonage house somewhat in decay. A double bricked chimney in decay. The barn somewhat in decay.

Organs; quære old clerk et uxor ejus certificabunt.

Hugh Fellow, parish clerk of Bishop's Woburn, did draw the bellows of the organ, and old Grove was then clerk.

In this instance no notice is taken of the register book, but in most cases it is stated when it begins. The notes relate to 115 churches in this county. [= 56½ pp.]

Aug.
Chatham.

80. Governors of the Chest at Chatham to Lords of the Admiralty. Sir Sackville Crow, late Treasurer of the Navy, became indebted to the Chest in the time of his treasurership in 1627 and 1628 in the sum of 3,005*l.* 14*s.* 1½*d.* He has propounded to us that we should receive yearly for 14 years such a proportionable sum of money out of the profits of wine licences assigned to him by his Majesty, that at the expiration of that time he may be freed from the said debt. In regard Sir Sackville is upon an expedition to sea, and part of his goods already shipped, we request you to declare whether we may accept the said proposition, or that you will take order with Sir Sackville for the moneys due. [1 p.]

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[Aug. ?] 81. LONDON'S LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US. A broadside containing a relation of the numbers buried in London in the years 1592, 1603, 1625, 1630, and in the present year down to the end of July, these five being the great modern plague years, with a cheap medicine against infection, a poem urging to repentance, a prayer fit to be used in this time of sickness, and a woodcut containing a view of London, with emblems of the visitation. Written by H. C., and printed for Edward Harper at the Hospital Gate, in Smithfield. [1 p.]

Aug. 82. Statement by Nicholas concerning the receipt and application of the ship-money in the three years in which it had been levied. During this year and the preceding, the ordinary at sea, amounting last year to 12,605*l.*, and this year to 14,191*l.*, had been paid out of the ship-money. [*Endorsed, "Lo. Cant.," as if it had been prepared for Archbishop Laud. 3 pp.*]

Aug. 83. Draft clause introduced into the ship-money writ to Hants for this year and 1638, to free the masters, fellows, and scholars of the college at Winchester from assessment to the ship-money, their lands being contributory in the places where they lie. [*Underwritten is a memorandum that the like clause was inserted in the writ to co. Buckingham, on behalf of Eton College. 1 p.*]

[Aug. ?] 84. Certificate of Edward Russell that Robert Pretor, a carpenter in Westminster, had upon his Majesty's slaughter-house wall erected a house to the annoyance of the slaughter-house; and, although warned, contemptuously proceeds therein. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

[Aug. ?] 85. Draft entry to be made on the Archiepiscopal Register of Canterbury, of the appointment by the archbishop of Sir John Lambe to execute ecclesiastical jurisdiction within co. Leicester during the suspension of Bishop Williams, of Lincoln. [*In the handwriting of Sir John Lambe. Lat. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

[Aug.] 86. Petition of Nicholas Wood and John Wood, of Croydon, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioners, in February last, bought of Olave Edlyn, of Ham Farm, in the parish of Croydon, lately deceased, tenant to Sir Thomas Walsingham, for 22*l.*, the wood in Westfield coppice, containing eight acres, and the same to grub up, if the statute allows it, which it seems to do if it be within two furlongs of the farm-house, which it is. But since the sale his Majesty has put forth a proclamation to restrain grubbing up of woods. Petitioners being fearful to offend, Sir Thomas Walsingham offers 40*s.* to secure them from danger; or else advises his tenant to tie them to their bargain, and set others to grub it. Pray the archbishop to recommend their cause to the Council, that nobody be suffered to grub the said wood save petitioners. [1 p.]

[Aug. ?] 87. Petition of Thomas Payne, stationer, to the same. Since petitioner's former petitions (*see pp. 176, 177.*) he has put the differences between himself and William Jones to arbitration; but

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Jones refused to give petitioner either the goods or money which the award makes mention of, but bade him, if he could get any of the goods, to take them. Petitioner therefore seized the materials of the printing-house, not worth 50*l.*, towards regaining his 150*l.*; whereupon Jones had arrested him, and Wayman, before mentioned, also arrested him at the same time; whereupon he lies in the King's Bench prison. Prays the archbishop to call the parties before him, and also to permit petitioner to print. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Aug. 88. See "Papers relating to Appointments in the Navy."

Aug. 89-92. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

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Sept. 1.
The Triumph,
in Plymouth
Sound.

1. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Windebank. The contrary winds have kept the Vanguard from us all this while, so as your packet is not yet come to my hands. Since our coming into these parts, the illness of the weather has not suffered us to be much at sea; yet this week we spent four or five days upon the coast, standing off and on between this and the Land's End; in which time we have scarce seen ship stirring upon the sea, except the poor fishers that dwell upon this shore. Not meeting with any directions, nor knowing any cause for our continuance here, I am with the fleet to-morrow making towards the Downs, where we shall soon be if this wind hold but two or three days. His Majesty being satisfied with my reasons for not sending any more ships to Sallee, I have returned your letter to Capt. Rainsborough. [*Endorsed by Sec. Windebank, "Rec[eived] 4th, at H[aines] H[ill]. 1 p.*]

Sept. 1.
Founthis.

2. Francis Lord Cottington to Nicholas. The sheriff of Dorsetshire has been with me, and shown me that within a few days he shall want less than 200*l.* of the whole proportion; how careful he is in the service; how distraining Sir Walter Erle, John Brown, and some other great ones, has reduced the rest to conformity; and that his absence will be hurtful to the service; but he sends up the money which he has collected. I pray excuse Mr. Rogers, who is a very good sheriff, and heartily affected to his Majesty's service. [*Seal with arms. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

Sept. 1.

3. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 248*l.* paid by John Williams on behalf of William Buckley, sheriff of co. Anglesea, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon North Wales by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 1.

4. Similar receipt for 800*l.* paid by William Abell and Jacob Garrard, sheriffs of Middlesex, in part of 5,000*l.* charged upon that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Sept. 2.

5. The King to Lady Isabella de la Warr and others whom it may concern. Recites injunction under the seal of the Court of Wards and Liveries, dated the 21st July last, directed to Lady Cecilia de la Warr, grandmother of Charles Lord de la Warr, the King's ward, and others, and commanding them to forbear to plough up any lands of the said ward which formerly had not been ploughed. Since the said injunction the master of the said Court had ordered a *superseas* of the said injunction as to the ploughing and sowing of 15 acres of down and heath in lease to John Ashburnham. These are to require you to spare the execution of the said injunction as to the said 15 acres and the said John Ashburnham. [*Copy.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 2.
Erwarton.

6. Sir Philip Parker, Sheriff of Suffolk, to the Council. I will this week make up that which I have already paid of ship-money to Sir William Russell, 7,800*l.*; the other 200*l.* I hope in short time to receive. Before this time I had accomplished it, but for a dangerous sickness. I am not able as yet to travel. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 2.
Passenham.

7. Sir Robert Banister, Sheriff of co. Northampton, to the same. Having received your letter, together with a scandalous and untrue petition of John Cartwright, to one part of which you require my answer by the 3rd September, I have caused the parties whom I employed to attend you, who will deliver nothing but what they will confirm upon their oaths, desiring you to consider the refractoriness in general of this county, and especially of the hundred wherein Cartwright lives, divers towns forbearing to make any assessment, and the petty constables refusing to come to me. I gave no warrant for attaching any person about Mr. Cartwright's business but one Stanton, who would not obey the bailiff and third-borough to lay down a pitchfork he had in his hand, keeping forcibly a gateway and not permitting them to drive the cattle they would have distrained; and a clerk of Cartwright's, who told them they should come with better force, otherwise they should have no cattle there; and one Ward, his servant, who, being told that they had warrant to distrain, answered that he had warrant to the contrary from his master, and so resisted them. If a man of Cartwright's rank, and in commission of the peace, shall abet base people thus to affront his Majesty's service, I leave the consequence to your wisdom. For better manifesting the truth, I desire that Cartwright may be enjoined to send his clerk to me that I may examine him who put those daring words into his mouth. In the time of the combustion he fled from me, and requiring Cartwright that he might be brought to me, he has kept since in his house that I cannot come by him. I have sent up 2,000*l.* to Sir William Russell, and will use all care for collecting the rest, great part of which will not be got but by taking distresses. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Sept. 2.
Passenham.

8. The same to Nicholas. I have sent up 2,000*l.* I have received a scandalous petition of Mr. Cartwright, whereby "if he catch copper" he may thank himself. I have written to the

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Board. I did not think so soon to have desired assistance from the Board, but some accidents happening yesterday, which for want of time I leave to the relation of the bearer, I desire the Lords to let me have Mr. Barker, the messenger, or some other come down with warrant for Wheeler, giving me power to insert the names of persons who demean themselves in rebellious manner, and to release them upon conformity, which would expedite the business, with less trouble to the Lords, than daily to be sending up the names of particular delinquents. If it may be granted, the messenger shall have his diet, lodging, and horsemeat with me. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 2.
Passenham.

9. Sir Robert Banister to John Crane. I pray you procure the speedy despatch of this bearer, for his absence will much prejudice his Majesty's service. I desire he may receive some encouragement, behaving himself honestly for the advancement of the service. I have no service done by any one bailiff of the county but himself, for they all have such dependency of the nobility and gentry, that, write to them as often as I will, they put nothing in execution. What Mr. Cartwright's example has bred, you shall perceive by that he will relate. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 2.
Chiswick.

10. Lawrence Whitaker to Nicholas. I recommend this gentleman (my late dear wife's sister's son) and his cause to you. I presume you, waiting last Sunday at Oatlands, heard his petition read. That which he desires is (questionless) very reasonable, that the poor innocent prisoners committed by that merciless sheriff, that have lain above a fortnight in irons, may be released upon good bail to answer anything they have done amiss, and that the warrants set forth by him against others of my nephew's poor tenants and servants no less innocent may be recalled. I doubt not but you will find the Board, and I hope his Majesty himself, inclinable to it. [*Endorsed by Nicholas as relating to Mr. Whitaker's nephew, Cartwright. Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Sept. 2.
Claverton.

11. William Bassett, Sheriff of Somerset, to the Council. Upon a petition of the inhabitants of Bath, who pretended a certain proportion of payment with the hundred of Bath Forum and the liberty of Hampton with Claverton, I called together the inhabitants of the hundred of Bath Forum, Hampton with Claverton, and Bath, who could prove no certain nor just proportion with the said hundred and liberty. And whereas they allege in their petition that I have assessed the said city, hundred, and liberty at 200*l.* only, I have imposed on the said places 220*l.*, and therefore have not given any relief to the complainants, but leave it to your wisdom. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

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12. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 70*l.* paid by William Whitmore on behalf of Lancelot Billingsly and George Penn, bailiffs of Bridgenorth, in part of 4,500*l.* ship-money charged upon Shropshire by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Sept. 2.

13. Account by Sir William Russell of ship-money received and unpaid under writ issued in 1636. Total received, 155,561*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*; unpaid, 41,038*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* [1 *p.*] *Endorsed,*

13. *I. Memorandum by Sir William Russell of 100*l.* paid in timber by the sheriff of Sussex, and 500*l.* promised by the sheriff of co. Cambridge; also similar memorandum by Edward Fenn, that since making out the certificate the sheriff of co. Warwick had paid 400*l.*, and the bailiffs of Bridgenorth 70*l.* [½ *p.*]*

Sept. 2.

14. Account of ship-money levied under writ of 1636 and remaining in the hands of the sheriffs, being 7,430*l.*, making, with the 155,561*l.* paid to Sir William Russell, the total levied 162,991*l.* [1 *p.*]

Sept. 2.

Royal Exchange,
London.

15. Policy of insurance for 1,600*l.* on goods shipped by the Thomas, of Leith, from Newhaven [Havre de Grace] to St. Sebastian, at a premium of 4*l.* per cent. Underwritten are the separate undertakings of the insurers, each for a certain amount, and their receipts for the premium. The amount paid "for the charge of this policy" was 4*l.* 2*s.* [2½ *pp.*]

Sept. 3.

Oatlands.

Proclamation "for putting off the healing of the disease called the King's Evil, at Michaelmas next." By former proclamations, Easter and Michaelmas were prescribed as the most convenient seasons for presenting such persons to the King for cure. Weighing the danger of infection that might arise from the resort of the sick to the Court at this time, such persons are warned to forbear until the feast of the purification of Our Lady, commonly called Candlemas, next. [Coll. Procs. Car. I., No. 216. 1 *p.*]

Sept. 3.

16. The King to Robert Rugge. Letters patent of appointment as Captain of the Forts on the two islands of Holy Island and Fern Island, co. Durham. The fort on Fern Island being ruinous, there is no further use thereof, and the establishment on Holy Island is limited to a captain with the salary of 80*l.* per annum, a gunner with 18*l.*, a gunner's mate with 12*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, and nine soldiers with 82*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* equally divided amongst them. [Office Copy. Lat. 5½ *pp.*]

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17. Extract from the same. [½ *p.*]

Sept. 3.

18. Book of notes by Nicholas of proceedings of the Council at their several meetings during this month. The meetings were held on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 29th, 30th. inst. The principal business transacted related to the collection of the arrears of ship-money, the treatment of the Bishop of Lincoln. Calvin Bruen, sheriff of Chester, who entertained Prynne at his house, to be sent for. Bastwick's wife has access, and strangers, to him; letter [?] in the haft of a knife. Petition of the King's players; if there fall nothing between this and Michaelmas, then at Michaelmas they may play, and all the schools.

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The King gives order that Fulwood be arraigned for his life.
[64 pp., of which 33 are blank.]

Sept. 3.

19. Book of names of Councillors present at all the meetings of the Council during this month of September. The dates are mentioned as in the preceding article. The King was present at the first four meetings. [28 pp., of which 22 are blank.]

Sept. 3.
Oatlands.

20. Order of the King in Council, upon complaint from the Lord Mayor of London that the inhabitants of St. Martin's-le-Grand delay to pay their ship-money, pretending that they are a liberty apart from the city. Forasmuch as the said liberty is situated within the shrievalty of London, and by the King's writs the ship-money is to be assessed and levied in corporations by the sheriffs, in case the inhabitants neglect to assess and levy the same, which the inhabitants of the said liberty have done, it was ordered that the said liberty shall pay not only the 100*l.* this year set upon them, but shall hereafter assess and pay all other assessments for shipping rated by the Lord Mayor and sheriffs of London to the said city, and in case of refusal the sheriffs of London are to assess and levy what the liberty shall be rated to pay. [Copy. 1½ p.]

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21. Minute to move the Lords for the preceding order. [½ p.]

Sept. 3.
Oatlands.

22. Order of the King in Council. This day were convented the sheriffs of Middlesex, Buckingham, Gloucester, Hertford, Kent, Somerset, and the under-sheriffs of Warwick, Oxford, and Surrey, for not having paid in the full sum assessed for shipping. His Majesty passed by their not performance, upon promise to pay in the arrears by Michaelmas next. The sheriff of co. Buckingham renewed the question of 50*l.*, which, being formerly in difference between the hundreds of the Vale and the three hundreds of Chiltern, was settled by an agreement signed by the sheriff and divers gentlemen of the Vale and Chiltern. It was ordered that the 50*l.* should be levied for this year, according to the agreement, without further delay. There was 1,500*l.* arrear upon Oxford; the under-sheriff undertook that all the money payable by that county, to 500*l.*, should be paid in within ten days, and the rest by Michaelmas next; upon which promises the sheriffs were dismissed. [Copy. 1 p.]

Sept. 3.
Oatlands.

23. Similar Order. Recite complaint made by inhabitants of the hundred of Wellow, Somerset, touching an over-rate for ship-money; a reference of the same to the Bishop of Bath and Wells, William Bassett, the present sheriff, and John Malet, the late sheriff, and their certificate this day read. His Majesty and the Lords approved the certificate, as well for what concerns the 40*l.* to be paid by Mr. Hodges, who is to be relieved, when he shall make proof that he delivered before he went out of his shrievalty a warrant to impose the said 40*l.* upon the hundred; as also for the 160*l.* to be paid for this year by the said hundred, together with the liberty of Norton St. Philip; (see Vol. ccclxv. No. 1.) [Draft. 1 p.]

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- Sept. 3. 24. Order of the King in Council. Recites complaint of the inhabitants of the hundred of Bruton, and Norton Ferris, Somerset, about unequal rating of the ship-money; reference to the referees mentioned in the preceding article, and their certificate this day read. The same certificate was confirmed as well for the rates of the last as the present year, which are to be forthwith collected, as also for the future; (*see Vol. ccclxv., No. 4.*) [*Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]
- Sept. 3. 25. The like order. Recites similar complaint of the inhabitants of the hundred of Milverton, Somerset, with the like reference and certificate. Order confirming the rate of 160*l.* set upon the said hundred by the present sheriff for this year, and continuing the same until the petitioners shall make it appear upon what place they ought to be eased. [*Draft. 1 p.*]
- Sept. 3. 26. The like order. Recites similar complaint of the inhabitants of the hundred of Chewton, Somerset, with the like reference and certificate. Order confirming the same for so much as confirms the rates assessed upon the said hundred for the last and present year, and requiring that the same be forthwith levied and paid in. [*Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]
- Sept. 3. 27. Minute of the appearance before the Council of John Broad, of Tiverton, Somerset, constable, bound by the sheriff to answer his neglect for not collecting ship-money. Having since performed his service, he was discharged. [*Draft. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]
- Sept. 2. 28. Bond of Henry Hayward, of Evercreech, and Richard Wilmot, of Priddy, constables of Wells Forum, to the King, in 200*l.*, conditioned for the performance of such service for the business of shipping as shall be imposed upon them by the sheriff of Somerset. [*1 p.*]
- Sept. 3. 29. Minute of the appearance of the above-mentioned Henry Hayward and Richard Wilmot, and that, in consideration of the bond calendared above, they were discharged from further attendance. [*Draft. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]
- Sept. 3. 30. The Council to George Carter, messenger. To fetch before the Lords, — Wheeler, of Northampton, dyer, upon complaint of the sheriff of co. Northampton. [*Draft minute. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]
- Sept. 3. The like to [William] Faldoe, messenger. To fetch William Sharp, William Stanton, and Anthony Ward, as above, upon complaint of the same sheriff. [*Draft minute written on the same sheet as the foregoing. $\frac{1}{6}$ p.*]
- Sept. 3.
Oatlands. 31. Lords of the Admiralty to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. Upon suit to his Majesty on behalf of Mons. de Breauté, governor of St. Valery, in Caux, France, that he may send a bark to fish on the coast of England, his Majesty's pleasure is that, among the French boats you have order to license,

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you give licence for this year to one such boat as the said governor shall nominate, such boat being no addition to the number you have order to license. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 3.
Oatlands.

Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Navy. Upon consideration of your letter of 26th August last (*see Vol. ccclxvi., No. 32*), we do not think it either safe or for his Majesty's benefit to change the manner of providing sails for the Navy, and therefore require you to make provision of sails as formerly, seeing that the sailmaker provide as good sails as formerly, and as cheap as any other will serve, which we conceive may be more for the advantage of the service than to give a salary to a sailmaker, and so to pin on his Majesty whatsoever stuff he shall make. [*Draft, written on the same sheet as the preceding article.* 1 p.]

Sept. 3.

Copy of the above. [*See Vol. ccclviii., fol. 51 b.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 3.
Oatlands.

The same to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. His Majesty having resolved that there shall be the like shipping continued abroad this winter as the last, we pray you to certify which ships are fittest to be continued abroad, and which to come in. We send you copy of a note received from the Surveyor of the Navy, signifying the ships which he conceives fittest to be sent into Portsmouth. But we pray you to certify what ships you conceive fittest to come into Chatham, and which to Portsmouth. Last year there was a good effect of your care in causing the remains of stores to be taken before the ships came in; and therefore we put you in mind to take the like order this year, that there be a true account taken of the remains of boatswains' and gunners' stores, and thereof to send a transcript to us, and likewise a transcript of the boatswains' stores to the Officers of the Navy, and one of the gunners' stores to the Office of Ordnance. The King having determined that the great ship shall be launched about the 25th of this month, the boatswain of her should be present. We pray you to send him to Woolwich, and to appoint some other able man to serve in his place in the Greyhound. Also to give order that three or four of the ships whose victuals are nearest expired come into Chatham as soon as wind and weather permit. [*Ibid., fol. 51.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 3.

32. Statement of Edward Harrison and Robert Toms. On 15th August last, being sent by Sir Robert Banister with warrant to distrain the goods of John Cartwright for ship-money, we demanded the same of him, and read our warrant. He answered he must not suffer it; whereupon we and others went to a ground where he had fat beasts, and brought six or eight of them to a "yeate," thinking to drive them away, when we were prevented by twelve of his servants, who drove the cattle back by force, saying they were commanded to do so by their master, and said that we should have no cattle there unless our force were stronger than theirs. Whereupon we returned to the sheriff and acquainted him how we were opposed; and on Friday following, he, with others, went to Mr. Cartwright's, where, on their arrival, his servants left their work in the field and

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ran home with intent to resist him. Notice being given that there was an ox-team of Mr. Cartwright's coming down the street, the sheriff commanded the driver to stay, but he would not, and beat and forced the oxen upon the sheriff, insomuch as he had been trodden down to the hazard of his life, had he not been rescued by his servants. [1½ p.]

Sept. 3.

33. Statement of the same Robert Toms. On the 1st September instant, being sent with Ambrose Bavin by Sir Robert Banister to distrain the goods of Mr. Wheeler, a dyer living in Northampton, and other inhabitants of Gayton, in the said county, we went to a ground of Mr. Wheeler's in Gayton, and brought one steer of his and put it into the thirdborough's yard. Notice being given to Mr. Wheeler, he came and offered part of the money; and whilst we were debating, a servant of his violently forced the steer out of the yard and drove him away, and I found it afterwards in a ground of Mr. Wheeler's, and brought the steer up to the "yeate," but Mr. Wheeler swore he would run his fork into my guts if I offered to drive the steer away. [1 p.]

Sept. 3.

34. Petition of John Cartwright to the Council. The Lords having lent a favourable ear to petitioner's complaint of the violent dealing of Sir Robert Banister with petitioner's servants, in hurrying two of them to gaol, pinioned as felons, and keeping them there in irons above a fortnight, and sending out warrants for others; and the Lords having referred the bailing of the prisoners and calling in the warrants to the sheriff himself, or to certify why he did not do so before this day. Petitioner prays that the sheriff not having bailed the prisoners, nor called in the warrants (petitioner and his father having been ever conformable and paid their assessments, and would have paid this, but that it being near five-fold heavier than ever before, was by the Board found fit to be mitigated), the Lords would order that upon sufficient bail the prisoners might be released and the warrants be called in. [1 p.]

Sept. 3.

35. Petition of Francis Vincent, saltpetreman, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Notwithstanding his Majesty's letters patent for making saltpetre, Sir John Tonstall, of Croydon, Surrey, no way obeying the commission, will not suffer petitioner to dig in his pigeon-house. Prays the Lords to take the case into consideration, and order petitioner satisfaction. [½ p.]

Sept. 3.

36. William Scudamore, late Sheriff of co. Hereford, to the constables of the hundred of Greytree, co. Hereford. By warrant from Roger Vaughan, sheriff of co. Hereford, of 1st September, these are to require you to levy of James Ades and William Payne, late constables of the said hundred, 5*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* of ship-money in arrear, and in default of payment that you levy the same by distress, and for want of distress bring Ades and Payne to the gaol for co. Here-

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ford, until his Majesty give directions for their enlargement. [1 p.]
Endorsed,

36. I. *Note of John Furney. Before the coming of this precept to my hands, I received a like warrant from Thomas Wigmore, late sheriff, dated 4th September, to levy of William Payne 25l. 12s. 11d. arrear for shipping in 1635, which I have levied and paid over to Mr. Wigmore. James Ades says, above a year since he paid his part of the charge within mentioned to Mr. Wigmore.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 3. 37. List of counties in arrear for the ship-money, 500l. and upwards, with notes by Nicholas of such sheriffs as attended this day, and of the orders of the Board concerning them. The county of Buckingham was in arrear 2,985l.; the sheriff who attended was ordered to pay in all by Michaelmas. [1 p.]

Sept. 4. 38. Sec. Windebank to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. His Majesty, taking notice that victuals in the fleet are near at an end, and considering the foulness of the weather, is pleased to give you leave to return to his presence as soon as you shall have given order for the winter guard of the seas, and for disposing the rest of the fleet into winter harbour. For winter guard, you are to leave the like strength that you did last year, and commit the command to Capt. Pennington. The particular ships are left to your choice, among which his Majesty is well contented that Sir Henry Mainwaring's shall be one. For ships to come in, there are directions sent from the Lords of the Admiralty. [*Draft.* $1\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 4. Nicholas to the Mayor of Banbury. Complaint being made that
 Oatlands. you have not paid in the ship-money for Banbury, his Majesty and the Council require you forthwith to assess, collect, and pay in the same. If any of the constables refuse to obey your warrants, you are to return a list of their names, and in the meantime to proceed in levying the said moneys by yourself, or others better affected to the service. [*Copy. See Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 159.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 4. 39. Sir William Russell to Nicholas. There is money enough from the counties to pay off the ships that are to come into Portsmouth, therefore the Lords may command them as soon as may be, and let me know against what time they may be there. For the sheriff of co. Cambridge, I am that friend that will lay down the money for him, which you may intimate, if there be cause. If no occasion press, I would go into Cambridgeshire for fourteen days, and against the launching of the new ship be back again. The ship is well stricken [*sic*], and I doubt not of her launching at the time prefixed by his Majesty. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 4. 40. Sir Philip Parker, Sheriff of Suffolk, to the same. Since
 Erwarton. sending the Book of Rates, I have paid Sir William Russell divers

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sums, and this week shall be paid to him the whole sum except 200*l.* as yet ungathered. I should have attended the Council but for a great sickness, which has disenabled me. I have sent a letter to the Council, which please to deliver. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

Sept. 4.
Whitbourne.

41. Bishop Coke, of Hereford, to Archbishop Laud. I received, August 22nd, an exemplification of an excommunication directed to me from you, against Fitzwilliam Lawrence, one of my registrars, requiring me to deliver the same in my cathedral, which I did, and have returned notice thereof to the Vice-Chancellor. Your letter, dated July 15th, concerning Lawrence, I received not till August 20th. So soon as I received it, I sent for the Chancellor with the registrars to come to me at Whitbourne, of whom two only came. Lawrence, though the Chancellor showed him my letter, went about other business. Whereupon I sent out process, and ultimately suspended him, and appointed my servant Martin to execute the office and receive the fees, and to be accountable for them as you shall dispose; in which, if I have not done amiss, I entreat you for him against Lawrence, who will be ready to take advantage upon any small error; but if amiss, I am willing to recall it. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

Sept. 5.
Bagshot.

42. Sec. Coke to Sir Edward Osborne. This day I received at Bagshot yours dated from York the 2nd, whereby you may see what expedition is now used in the carriage of letters. I have acquainted his Majesty with the contents of your letter to me, and of that you wrote to the Lords, and few of them being here I return you that answer which I received from his Majesty. He is sorry to hear of the visitation at Hull, and well approves your care in prohibiting goods to pass from Hull to Howden or Malton fairs, with other particulars in the proclamation expressed; as to such cautions as were fit to be given to the justices of peace, I doubt not but your provident care will give the Board good satisfaction. For the letters which come weekly by post, the manner in other countries is to open and air before the fire all such letters as are bound up with silk-thread, pack-thread, or such like, but for letters of bare paper they use no such observance, but suffer them to pass. Wherein, nevertheless, if any one that receives any letters from a known infected place will but take that care to air them before the fire, which we secretaries do sometimes practise when we conceive danger, it may be well hoped no inconvenience will ensue. [*Dated 4th; but from an alteration at the commencement of the letter, and from the endorsement, it seems to have been written on the 5th. Copy in Sec. Coke's hand. 1½ p.*]

Sept. 6.
The Triumph,
at the Downs.

43. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to the Lords of the Admiralty. Because our victuals draw near an end, I am desirous to give answer to your letter of the 3rd instant, which came to my hands yesterday afternoon. The enclosed paper will show you which ships I conceive fittest to be kept at sea this winter, and which to go for Portsmouth. I make some question whether the Triumph be sufficiently victualled to go thither, and therefore I have appointed

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the Vanguard. For ships employed and graved every year, the worm can do them no harm, which appears by the James being there these two last years. The James and the Dreadnought I intend to send to Chatham, that they may be paid off before the other ships get thither, and for those that are appointed for the winter guard, you will be pleased that they may be supplied with victuals. Before I received this letter I had given order to my servant to take the gunners' accounts as he did last year, which shall be sent to the Officers of the Ordnance. I will despatch away the boatswain of the great ship, and be careful that the master of her may likewise be there against the time of launching. His Majesty's pleasure for my discharge was last night signified to me by Sec. Windebank. Within four or five days I shall have ended my business, and then I purpose to land. [2 pp.] *Enclosed,*

43. I. *The list above referred to. The Swiftsure, the Unicorn, the Bonaventure, the First and Second Whelps, and the Greyhound were to remain out until the 14th December, and all of them except the Unicorn to continue abroad the rest of the winter. The Swiftsure, the St. George, the Vanguard, the Second Whelp, and the Greyhound were to go to Portsmouth; the Triumph, the Unicorn, the James, the Henrietta Maria, the Rainbow, the Convertive, the Bonaventure, the Dreadnought, the First Whelp, the Roebuck, and the Swan frigate for Chatham. [1 p.]*

Sept. 6.
The Triumph,
in the Downs.

44. Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sec. Windebank. Being uncertain when the Lords of the Admiralty will meet, he sends the above to Sec. Windebank. I shall hasten to wait upon his Majesty. P.S.—Though the death of Collard, the Admiral of Dunkirk, be news there, it may perhaps be none to Sec. Windebank. [1 p.]

Sept. 6.

45. Sir Henry Marten to the same. I received a letter from the Lords of the Admiralty, wherein I am required to put under seal a certificate lately made touching the business of Nicholas Polhill, in order that the Lords might give letters of reprisal against those of Rotterdam. (*See Vol. ccclxiv. 19, 1.*) Shows that the commission to the Lords of the Admiralty gives them power only to issue letters of marque against the States of the United Provinces. If it be desired that the letters should be against the state of Rotterdam, it will be necessary that they should be granted by his Majesty under the Great Seal, or that he should give the Commissioners a special authority to issue the same. P.S.—The Archbishop of Canterbury proposes to dine at Sir Henry's house at Bray on the next Tuesday, and has commanded Sir Henry to signify as much to Sec. Windebank, because he hopes to meet him there. [2 pp.]

Sept. 6.

46. James Webster, Under-sheriff of co. Nottingham, to Nicholas. The sheriff having been sheriff about 20 years since, and now four score years of age, did not expect to have been sheriff again, but the businesses are hitherto well gone through. There is now paid for

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ship-money to Sir William Russell 3,390*l*. Newark being assessed to pay 120*l*., the mayor has only paid to the sheriff 50*l*., and the mayor and his brethren allege the disability of the town. All is now paid to Sir William Russell for the sheriff, except 40*l*., which shall be paid the beginning of next term, and so the next sheriff will not be troubled. There have been many distresses taken, and much trouble in collecting the money, and there is one action already brought against one that took a distress, and more threatened, and one questioned before the Lords for a rescue. There is indeed no trading in the county, except in some market towns, but the country-people most commonly live by husbandry and hard labour. I live at Chesterfield, co. Derby. [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

Sept. 6.

47. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 3,390*l*. paid by James Webster on behalf of Sir George Lassells, sheriff of co. Nottingham, in part of 3,500*l*. ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

Sept. 7.
Windsor.

48. Sir William Salter to Nicholas. Though no man has been readier to further the King's service in the shipping-money, yet such is my evil hap, through the malice of a purse-proud clown, from whom I have of late taken some of my land in Raysebury [Wyrar-disbury], that he might not engross the whole town into his and his son's hands. Taking advantage of his being a ceassor [an assessor], and his son constable, he has most unjustly charged my tenant for that he ought to pay himself, having quietly enjoyed the profits of my land until Lady Day last, before which time this assessment ought to have been levied; and myself at 4*l*., though he well knows I have neither personal estate nor one foot of land in Buckinghamshire, but what is in my tenants' hands, and for which they pay. Besides, I live in Windsor, in another county, where I pay for my personal estate. This unjust dealing made me appeal to the sheriff. Withal I sent him a certificate of the mayor of Windsor, that I had paid there for my personal estate, which the sheriff accepting, gave me assurance that he would take some order in it; yet having not heard from him since, makes me fearful lest his willingness to spare his own pains should cause him to return my name to the Lords. If any such thing should happen, I pray that you will let the Lords know how much I conceive myself to be wronged. [*Seal with crest.* 2 *pp.*]

Sept. 7.
Custom House,
London.

49. Certificate of Officers of the Customs, that the duties payable for goods by merchant strangers imported is one-fourth part more than is payable by English merchants for the like goods (wines and sugars only excepted). [*Endorsed, "Weavers of Canterbury."* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

Sept. 7.

50. Affidavit of Richard Willoughby, of London, gentleman. Being in the long-boat belonging to the Hercules, employed this year in his Majesty's service on the coast of Barbary, and entering into a caravel, put ashore by the pinnace Providence, about 3rd July last, deponent there saw Edmund Seaman, captain of the Providence,

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taking pains among his and other ships' companies for getting out of that vessel such pillage as was there to be found, as brass bases and other things, and deponent believes that if care had been taken, and their present pillage neglected, the said caravel might have been saved. Further, that during the time of their being in Sallee Road, deponent heard William Bramble, master of the Providence, threaten to beat the purser if he would not give way to such waste of beer in hold as he, the master, desired; unto which the purser replied, that if Capt. Rainsborough and his own captain would discharge him of it, Bramble should have what he desired. The purser saying if such waste was made, the master's wages would not make it good, the master said that he would have what beer he listed. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 7.

51. Certificate of Thomas Nicholls, one of the bailiffs of Shrewsbury, and John Proud, justice of peace, that John Baker is fit to be admitted a common brewer within Shrewsbury, he being a burgess and using no other trade. [*Copy.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 8.
Lydney.

52. Sir John Wintour to Sec. Windebank. His Majesty having declared by you that he holds me not unfit to serve him, I have been elected verderor by the freeholders on Wednesday last. And because there has been great opposition made for the place by Sir Robert Cook, assisted by many of this county that deny payment of ship-money, I beseech you to be the first that make it known to the King for prevention of sinister information. Mr. Solicitor can give you assurance that it has been done with the allowance and direction of the Earl of Holland and himself, and that my opposers never made known their intents to them. My having it much conduces (as he will also tell you) to his Majesty's service in the compositions for lands lately declared forest. [*Seal with crest.* 1 p.]

Sept. 8.
Sarsden.

53. William Walter, Sheriff of co. Oxford, to Nicholas. These are to certify the names of those constables in Banbury who denied obedience to the mayor's warrant. Of all the corporations of the shire, Banbury is most favourably assessed, and has paid least; for of 40*l.* I have received but 14*l.* I am also to certify the name of one of the bailiffs of Burford, who delays the laying down of his own part, and at meetings concerning the service proposes doubts about it, and so is both an example and hindrance; his name is George Watkins. All the ship-money for this county is near collected, but much of it lies in cattle and wares, which were not come by without hurt to some of my ministers, in which resistances Luke Davis, of Drayton by Banbury, is most guilty, having hurt two of my officers, whom my warrants yet will not take, and I suspect shall not, such perverse constables have been chosen, I conceive purposely, to serve this year. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.] *Enclosed,*

53. I. Nathaniel Wheatly, mayor of Banbury, to [William Walter, sheriff of co. Oxford]. *The names of those constables that did refuse to execute my warrants, and likewise to enter into bond to answer their refusal before the Council, [viz.] John Yates, Thomas Robbins, Thomas Pymme. Banbury, 7th September 1637.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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54. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 1,947*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* paid by John Hall on behalf of Sir Philip Parker, sheriff of Suffolk, in part of 8,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 9.
Cranford.

[Sir Thomas Roe] to Henry Earl of Holland. I esteem myself bound by duty to his Majesty and you, to give account of your command to write to the Chancellor of Sweden, by my cousin Berkeley, by whom I received no answer, but after his departure the Chancellor has taken knowledge of mine by a letter full of gentle language and general professions of his propenseness to serve his Majesty, but I cannot make any conclusion out of it, and therefore I forbear to send you the copy. Since my coming home I have got a fresh advice from a friend practised in that Court, of a private consultation of the Chancellor, which may be the genuine sense of that state. It does not much relish me, yet I think it fit to be offered to his Majesty, because if he shall treat with their ministers it may give some light toward their ends. You will let his Majesty know, that having had intimation of a letter from the King of Poland to me, and a desire from Lord Reay to speak with me, I have avoided both. [*Copy in the handwriting of Sir Thomas. See Vol. ccclxiv., No. 82. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

Sept. 9.
Chatham.

55. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. Comments with surprise on the decision of the Lords as to the continuance of the old mode of sail-making. (*See Sept. 3, p. 406.*) States the result of having had one ship's sails made there, 7*l.* having been saved in 35*l.*, and many other advantages. Sir William Russell proposed the salary of 100*l.* Edisbury foresaw that Sec. Coke would never consent to so great a salary. Edisbury thinks he can alter his present opinion. Sends copy of the Earl of Northumberland's list of ships with their several destinations to Portsmouth and Chatham. If the ships for the former place get thither before those for the latter be paid, there must be a retarding of one or the other. Has only perfected an account of the remains of the 15 ships employed in 1635, the writing being exceeding tedious. Wishes the Lords would cast their eyes upon it, and allow him such a salary as would enable him to live. Has caused the materials for the launching to be sent to Woolwich; Capt. Pett is there, and has any men and materials he requires. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*] *Enclosed,*

55. 1. *Copy, with some unimportant variations, of the list of ships enclosed in the letter of the Earl of Northumberland of the 6th inst. [1 p.]*

Sept. 9.
Passenham.

56. Sir Robert Banister, Sheriff of co. Northampton, to the same. Mr. Wheeler, being sent for to answer his contempt in taking away a distress from my bailiff, is very sorry for his misgovernment, and has conformed himself in making payment of the money. I pray you to signify the same to the Board. [*Seal with arms. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

Sept. 9.

57. Account by Sir William Russell of ship-money received and remaining outstanding under writ issued in 1636. Total received, 158,578*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*; outstanding, 38,021*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* [1 p.]

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58. Account of ship-money levied under writ of October 1637 [1636] and remaining in the hands of the sheriffs, being 8,329*l.*, making, with the 158,578*l.* paid to Sir William Russell, the total collected 166,907*l.* [1 *p.*]

Sept. 10.
Oatlands.

59. Order of the King in Council. The Solicitor-General has, by his Majesty's command, taken examinations concerning the great concourse of people who were permitted to converse with William Prynne and Henry Burton in places where they stayed in their passage to the places of imprisonment. As the Solicitor-General is now employed in other his Majesty's services, it was ordered that the Attorney-General proceed in examination of the Warden of the Fleet and his deputy, of such persons as were employed in carrying Prynne and Burton to the places of their imprisonment, or of any others, whereby to discover what persons accompanied, conversed with, or entertained them, what money was given to them, or other remarkable expressions of courtesy or encouragement were showed to them, and anything else that may make known the persons and dispositions of those that resorted to the said Prynne and Burton; and Mr. Attorney is to make certificate to the Board in writing. [Copy. 1 *p.*]

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Oatlands.

60. Similar order. The Commissioners for regulating the manufacture of gold and silver thread having found that William Hayward, William Clarke, Edmond Hill, John Knewston, Tristrian Mantell, William Roades, William Greene, William Humfreys, John Hurst, and George Thompson have offended against the proclamation and orders, by disgrossing and selling quantities of silver wire secretly, underhand, which is not only a great loss to his Majesty in his duties (his Majesty having in the particulars appearing been defrauded 200*l.* or 300*l.*), but likewise to the overthrow of the whole reformation settled. It was ordered that the Attorney-General shall proceed against the persons aforementioned for their contempts. [Seal of the Council attached. $\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*] Annexed,

60. I. *Commissioners for regulating the manufacture of gold and silver thread to the Council. Report upon which the above order was made.* [1 *p.*]

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61. Draft of the above order. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

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62. Similar order. A proposition of some of the refiners appointed for providing gold and silver used in the manufacture of gold and silver thread concerning a way for issuing the same, by a freedom given to every one of them to sell in the place appointed, being presented to the Commissioners for regulating that business, the Commissioners conceiving the course propounded to tend much to the increase of his Majesty's profit, but that it could not be carried out under the present indenture of covenant between his Majesty and the refiners, it was ordered that Mr. Attorney cause such alterations to be made in the said covenants as he and the rest of the Commissioners shall conceive best. [Draft. 1 *p.*]

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Oatlands.

63. Order of the King in Council on the petition of Sir John Monson, to whom 1,000 marks damages was given by decree of the Star Chamber, to be paid by the Bishop of Lincoln, that the Lieutenant of the Tower or his deputy observe the order of the Lord Keeper, dated the 5th inst., concerning the serving of process on the said bishop for the damages due to Sir John; and likewise that the late deputy lieutenant of the Tower, that formerly disobeyed the Lord Keeper's said order, attend the Board on the 17th inst. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

Sept. 10.
Oatlands.

64. The Council to Attorney-General Bankes. We send you a complaint presented to his Majesty and the Board from Sir Robert Banister, sheriff of co. Northampton, against John Cartwright, of Aynho, who has in contemptuous manner disobeyed the sheriff's warrant for the business of shipping, and by his servants and tenants with a high hand opposed by force such bailiffs as the sheriff employed to distrain. His Majesty and the Board require you to cause due examination to be taken of the carriage of Cartwright and his servants, and to certify thereon to this Board. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

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Oatlands.

65. The same to [Sir Robert Banister], Sheriff of co. Northampton. Your letter of the 2nd instant, in answer to the petition of Mr. Cartwright, having been read at the Board, we are, by his Majesty's command, to give you thanks for your care and affection in that business. His Majesty is so ill satisfied with all that Mr. Cartwright has alleged, that order is given to the Attorney-General to take examination of such persons as you shall produce, to make good your complaint against Cartwright. You are to send such persons as soon as you may, without hindering the levying of the remainder of ship-money, after which such proceedings may be taken against Cartwright as shall be fit; and in the meantime he is required to attend the Board from Sunday to Sunday. We have sent warrants for apprehending Wheeler, of Northampton, and likewise as many of Cartwright's servants as are named in your letter; for the rest you are either to bring them to the Board, or to send us their names and faults that we may send warrants for them. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

Sept. 10.

66. Minute of the appearance before the Council this day of Matthias Wheeler, of Northampton, dyer. Upon certificate from the sheriff of his conformity in payment of ship-money, he was discharged. [*Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

Sept. 10.

67. Similar minute of the appearance of William Sharpe and Anthony Warde, servants to Mr. Cartwright, of Aynho. They are to remain in custody. [*$\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

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The like of William Stanton, of Aynho, another servant of Mr. Cartwright, who also is to remain in custody. [*Written on the same sheet of paper as the preceding. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

Sept. 10.
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68. The Council to the Sheriff and late Sheriff of Somerset. His Majesty and the Board this day took into consideration what course

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might be taken for bringing in the arrear for ship-money last year, for that you the present sheriff, in whose hands the power remains for issuing warrants, had direction to issue the same to the late sheriffs, your predecessors, only. We have thought good that you give warrant to the said late sheriffs, and to such other meet persons as they shall name, and then his Majesty will expect, without further excuse, that the arrears be paid, or a just cause returned for so much as shall not be paid. [*Copy.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 10. 69. Minute of a pass to Lady Margaret Morgan and her children, Thomas and Elizabeth, to go into Holland. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 10. Minute of a warrant to James Naylor, messenger, to fetch up Richard Adams and Hercules Coomer, constables of the hundred of Winterstoke, Somerset, for failing to appear before the Board to answer their backwardness to do the service imposed upon them. [*Written on the same paper as the preceding.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 10. Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Henry Marten. We send you a
Oatlands. certificate from divers merchant strangers (*see Vol. ccclxvi., No. 1, 1.*) residing at Dover, touching the Fortune, of Hamburgh, surprised by a frigate of Calais, upon pretence she was bound for Flanders, and rescued and brought to Dover, praying you to certify what you conceive fit to be done therein. [*Copy.* *Vol. cccliii., fol. 52.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 11. 70. Dr. John Towers, Dean of Peterborough, to William Dell.
Peterborough. Give me leave to put you in mind of his Majesty's writ to Peterborough for the ship-money, that whereas in the writ and the direction the bailiff of Peterborough is named, it may be altered to the Dean, because the whole government of the town is in the Dean and Chapter. And the writ being directed to the Dean, as the rest are to mayors and bailiffs, I shall be better warranted to go boldly on collecting the money. One other favour I must presume of. Our poor beggarly city is charged at 120*l.*, which is much above their ability; both the bishop and myself have been suitors to Archbishop Laud for abating the sum, and he commanded me that he might be put in mind of it. Our suit is that it may be assessed at 80*l.*, which will be with the most, but will be cheerfully paid. [*Endorsed, "The writs are already sent to the Sheriff. A letter to be written to the Sheriff and Mr. Bailiff of Peterborough, to join Mr. Dean in this."* 1 p.]

Sept. 12. 71. Recognizance entered into before John Lukyn, mayor of Cambridge, and John Wicksteed and Thomas Purchas, aldermen of the same town, by Thomas Lovell and Francis Emerson, both of Cottenham, in 20*l.* apiece, and John Howell, of the same place, in 40*l.*, conditioned for the appearance of Howell on the 4th November next before the Council, to answer matters to be objected against him by Jasper Heily and John Wrey, his Majesty's messengers, in matter of riot in the Fens of Cottenham. [*15 lines on strip of parchment.*]

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72. Similar recognizance of Thomas Badcock and the before-mentioned Francis Emerson in 20*l.* each; and Edward Badcock in 40*l.*, conditioned for the appearance of the said Edward Badcock. [16 lines as above.]

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73. Information of Philippa Smith, wife of Lancelot Smith, of Ipswich, sailor, taken before William Cage and William Tyler, bailiffs of Ipswich, and Robert Sparrow and William Moysey, justices of peace. On Friday last, informant and the wife of John Dixon, of Ipswich, caulker, and Anne, daughter of the said Dixon, and Anne, the wife of John Huson, being together in the house of the said John Dixon, the wife of John Dixon fell to speak concerning preaching, and wished she were in New England; after which, Anne Dixon, the daughter, said, "Let the King be hanged!" Informant reproved her, saying, "Fie! fie! Let us have no more of these words! These are heinous words!" Upon which, Anne said again, "Let the King be hanged if he will! What care I!" On Sunday last, informant seeing the said Anne sit lazying in the house, said to her, "You are a lazy girl. You sit lazying there, and your mother's business to do." Whereupon Anne said, "Be hanged if you will!" with other dirty words. Informant said, "You know I can hang you if I will." [1 p.] *Annexed,*

73. I. *Examination of Anne Dixon, above mentioned, taken on the 12th instant, and before the same persons. Her version of the story is as follows:—Smith's wife was telling the rest of the company of a woman that was in prison for speaking words, and recited the words, to which examinant said, "That is nothing." After which, Smith's wife "fell on chiding with examinant," who said to her, "Hold your tongue and be hanged!" and at that time there were no after-words spoken between them. Further, when examinant's mother gave warning to Smith's wife to remove, she said, "If I depart out of the house, I will make your daughter pay for it;" and when she removed she charged the said Anne with having said, "Let the Queen be hanged!" but did not charge her with any words about the King. [1 p.]*

73. II. *Similar examination of Anne Huson, wife of John Huson, one of the persons said to have been present on the above occasion, taken the same day, and before the same persons. She testifies to recrimination between the informant and Smith's wife, and that she heard Anne Dixon say, "Be hanged!" but did not hear any words of the King or Queen. Afterwards, the same day, Smith's wife came to examinant and said, "Did you ever hear such a vild mother [maurther?]. She spake treason against the Queen, and I must call you for a witness." Examinant said, "Do not call me for a witness; I heard no such words spoken." [3/4 p.]*

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Sept. 13. 74. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 7*l.* 6*s.* paid by Humphrey Halley on behalf of John Abbot, mayor of Huntingdon, in part of ship-money charged upon Huntingdon by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 15. 75. Sir Edward Hartopp, Sir Daniel De Ligne, and Thomas Sewstern. Harington to Secs. Coke and Windebank, Comptrollers of his Majesty's Posts. We received your letter for examination of the truth concerning the office of postmaster at Witham, whether one Cropper, who had the execution of that place, did reside there and execute it by himself or by a deputy. We have taken several examinations, which we have returned in two schedules annexed, together with the certificates. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

75. I. Secs. Coke and Windebank to Sir Edward Hartopp, Sir Daniel De Ligne, and Thomas Harington. We are informed that at Witham one Cropper, who had the execution of the place of postmaster, did not always reside upon it, but employed therein a brother-in-law, a man not answerable for such a charge. We have received a certificate testifying the truth thereof, and another certificate assuring us of his diligence in the service. We entreat you to examine the truth thereof. Oatlands, 28th August 1637. [Seal with arms. 1 p.] *Enclosed,*

75. I. i. Certificate of Abraham Bate, rector of South Witham, and 14 others, that James Cropper, postmaster of that place, ever since the death of his parents, who formerly enjoyed the said place and left the same to him as his portion, has kept the same in his own hands and sufficiently managed and duly performed and executed [the same]. 4th August 1637. [1 p.]

75. I. ii. Ambrose Coulson, William Burbidge, and 12 others to Secs. Coke and Windebank. The inhabitants of South Witham have given a wrong information that Cropper executed the place of postmaster personally. We affirm that James Heard, brother-in-law to Cropper, served the place and received contribution of us. [1 p.]

75. II. Separate examinations of Thomas Watson, John Willcox, Richard Wright, Richard Clarke, and Thomas Burton, who state that James Cropper, after the death of his mother (which occurred about four or five years before), took to the post-office at Witham, and boarded there with one Gee for about six months, and afterwards let the post-office to his brother-in-law, James Heard, who had entirely managed the same by his servants, who had gathered a yearly allowance in pease and oats from the neighbours for excusing their horses from going post. 15th September 1637. [1 p.]

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75. III. *Examinations of Thomas Michell, Abraham Bate, William Wimberley, William Gee, and John Lambert, who all deposed to Cropper's succession to the office, and had neither heard nor believed that he had given it up to his brother-in-law. 15th September 1637. [1 p.]*

Sept. 15. 76. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 13*l.* paid by Thomas Oxtou, mayor of St. Albans, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon co. Hertford by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 16. 77. Sir John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. The *The Swiftsure*, 13th inst. the *St. George* and the *Vanguard* set sail for Portsmouth, in the Downs. and yesterday the *Royal Defence* (one of the city ships) for the Thames, the latter being very leaky and her time out within four days. The *Convertive* I shall send in next week, and the rest of the merchant ships as they come hither. The *First Whelp's* victuals are ended, and I am forced to supply her out of the small store I have remaining aboard my own ship. The *Bonaventure* is appointed to be at Dieppe by the 29th inst. to bring over Lady Scudamore, but is not able to stir till his supply of victuals be sent down; my own ship, the *Unicorn*, and the *Second Whelp*, all grow very low. [*Seals with arms.* 1 p.]

Sept. 16. 78. Dr. Arthur Duck to Nicholas. Your letter came yesterday Chiswick. to me at St. Albans, where I was in my Lord of London's visitation. I cannot at present send you the distinct names of the father and son whom you write of, but I have despatched a letter to the vicar of the place to write me their names. Within a fortnight I will send them to you. In the meantime the business is not of instant danger, and I rather adventure to expect a perfect return of their names, than that the Lords' letters should go with uncertainty and be thought to proceed from doubtful information. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Sept. 16. 79. Edward Fenn to the same. I have sent you the certificate London. for all ship-money come to hand for the current year, and have not received any money upon account of the arrears of last year since the 21st July last, neither do I hear of any money from the sheriff of Oxford, or any other sheriff in arrear, to be paid in. My master came home last night, but is arrested by the gout. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 16. 80. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 70*l.* paid by Nicholas Cooke on behalf of Thomas Askham, mayor of Boston, in part of ship-money for co. Lincoln by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 16. 81. Certificate of Edward Fenn, on behalf of Sir William Russell, of ship-money received and in arrear under writs issued in August 1636. Total received, 159,619*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*; in arrear, 36,980*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* [1 p.]

Sept. 16. 82. Account of ship-money levied under writ above mentioned and remaining in the hands of the sheriffs, being 8,029*l.*, making, with the 159,619*l.* paid to Sir William Russell, the total collected 167,648*l.* [1 p.]

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Sept. 17. 83. Order of the King in Council. Having considered the Hampton Court. petition of the parishioners of St. Michael le Quern in London, and heard some of the chief of that parish, and the surveyor of his Majesty's works, and viewed models presented by the parish and the surveyor, it was ordered that the parishioners shall proceed with the re-edifying the church, according to the plot made by the surveyor, and that the surveyor shall take order that there be a door made for the parson's house, in such sort as may be with least weakening of the coigne of that building. The surveyor is also to accommodate the parish in the narrowest end of the church with a convenient place for a vestry, and so to alter the structure that it may be with as little prejudice to the light of the houses adjoining as may stand with most conveniency of the structure. And that the surveyor may assist the parish; and that it may appear whether the building propounded by him be as cheap as that propounded by the parishioners, the parishioners shall acquaint him with the bargains they have made for the works. [*Copy.* 1½ p.]

Sept. 17. 84. Similar order upon petitions of the Merchant Adventurers of Hampton Court. England against Edward Misselden, whom his Majesty formerly recommended to be chosen deputy of that company at Rotterdam, and having heard some of the company, and finding that neither the governor nor the deputy governor appeared in preferring these petitions, notwithstanding that by the charter the government is committed to the governor or his deputy, and to 24 persons of the fellowship; and understanding that the company used a balloting box in the choice propounded by his Majesty to be made of Misselden, it is ordered that a balloting box shall be no more used by the said, nor by any other, company; and concerning the nomination of a deputy at Rotterdam, it is ordered that the aldermen and experienced men of that company be forthwith called together, and that they join with the governor and deputy in such choice as shall be fittest for his Majesty's service and for reducing things to better order. [*Draft.* 1½ p.]

Sept. 17. 85. The like. His Majesty taking into consideration the inconveniences that may arise by the use of balloting boxes, which is of late Hampton Court. begun to be practised by corporations and companies, declared his utter dislike thereof, and, with the advice of the Lords, ordered that no corporation or company in this his Majesty's kingdom shall use in any business whatsoever any balloting box, as they tender his Majesty's displeasure, and will answer the contempt at their peril. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

Sept. 17. 86. Similar order. Christopher Beeston, his Majesty's servant, by petition to the Board showed that he had many young actors lying unpractised by reason of the restraint occasioned by infection of the plague, whereby they are much disabled to perform their service, and besought that they might have leave to practise. It was ordered that Beeston should be at liberty to practise his actors at Michaelmas next, if there be no considerable increase of the sickness, nor that there die more than died last week. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

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87. Order of the King in Council. His Majesty's servants, the players, having been for a long time restrained, and having spent what they got in many years before, and having prayed that they might now be at liberty to use their quality, it is ordered as in the article preceding. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Endorsed,*

87. 1. *Notes by Nicholas that at the Council this day a petition from the plasterers [sic] was referred to Sir Henry Spiller and others, to examine the truth of petitioners' complaints and to certify; also that Horth's petition was referred to the Greenland Company and the Company of Soapboilers of London, to attend the Board next Sunday with their answer.* [= $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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88. Order of Council. The Company of Freemasons of London, by petition, complained that notwithstanding the Commissioners for Buildings had prohibited plasterers from overlaying rotten and decayed stone-work with lime and hair, yet the plasterers have practised the same upon thirteen or more churches in the city. The Lords referred the same to Sir Henry Spiller, Alderman Garraway, Inigo Jones, and Lawrence Whitaker, Commissioners for Buildings, either to reform the abuses complained of, or to return certificate to the Board. [*Order completed with the name of Mr. Heron inserted, and the seal of the Council attached, but the name of "Mr. Heron" afterwards struck out.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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89. The like. James Grover by petition showed that, by order of the 27th August last, Thomas White, of Windsor, mercer, was confined to sell tobacco in no place but Clewer, commonly called Clewer Street, and was to enter into a bond of 200*l.* to conform himself therein, yet he still persists in vending tobacco in the town and castle of Windsor. The Lords referred the petition to Lord Goring and the Commissioners for Tobacco, to end the difference or to certify the Board. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

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90. The Council to the Sheriff of co. Lancaster. His Majesty, with the advice of the Board, has given order that Henry Burton (who by sentence of the Star Chamber was committed close prisoner in the castle of Lancaster) shall be removed to the castle of Guernsey. We have sent you warrant to the keeper of the castle of Lancaster, to deliver Burton to you, and we authorize you to press a ship fit for his transportation, the charge to be allowed on your account. You are to see that the vessel you take up be fitted for sea before you take Burton out of prison, and to take care that the persons you employ convey him with all privacy and without concourse of people in his passage, and that they permit no person to speak with him in his passage. [*Copy.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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Minute of a like letter to the Sheriff of co. Carnarvon, for removing William Prynne from the castle of Carnarvon to one of the two

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castles of Jersey, which by the governor of the same shall be thought fittest, to be there kept close prisoner. [*Written on the same paper as the above. 5 lines.*]

Sept. 17. Minute of a letter to the Sheriff of co. Cornwall for the removing of John Bastwick from the castle of Launceston to the castle in the Isle of Scilly, there to be kept close prisoner. [*Ibid. 4 lines.*]

Sept. 17. 91. Draft of the above letter and minutes. [$1\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

Sept. 17. 92. The Council to the Keeper of the castle of Lancaster. It is his Majesty's pleasure that you deliver Henry Burton (formerly ordered to be kept prisoner in the castle of Lancaster) to the sheriff of co. Lancaster. [*Draft. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]

Sept. 17. Minute of a similar letter to the Constable of the castle of Carnarvon, for William Prynne to be delivered to the sheriff of that county. [*Written upon the same paper as the preceding. $\frac{1}{6}$ p.*]

Sept. 17. The like minute of letter to the Keeper of the castle of Launceston, for John Bastwick to be delivered to the sheriff of Cornwall. [*Written upon the same paper as the preceding. $\frac{1}{6}$ p.*]

Sept. 17. 93. The Council to Sheriff of co. Northampton. The Bishop of Hampton Court. Bristol, parson of Norton Davy, complains that, being rector there, he is rated to pay towards the ship-money according to the tithe of the whole parish, there being land in the same to the value of 600*l.* per annum, for which he receives but 20 nobles a year by a rate, whereas according to the tenth he should receive 60*l.* per annum, and yet he is taxed to pay according to the full value. We pray you to examine the assessment, and give order that the bishop be not charged to pay more than he ought in an equal proportion. [*Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

[Sept. 17.] 94. Edward Bromfield, Lord Mayor of London, to the King. Report made under an order of the 3rd inst., to certify the true state of the business touching the taking away of Sara Cox, an orphan of the city of London, by Roger Fulwood and others, and marrying her to the said Fulwood. Sara Cox, being fatherless and motherless, and having a good portion secured to the Chamber of London, was by her friends placed at school at Hackney with Mrs. Winch, who boarded young gentlewomen, the orphan being about 14 years of age. Fulwood, through his sister Katherine, who was placed scholar in the same school, and in other ways, endeavoured to procure the orphan's consent to marry him, but without success. Upon the evening of 22nd August last, the orphan and some persons with her being out taking the air on Newington common, she was seized by horsemen with drawn swords, placed in a coach in which Fulwood and others were waiting, and carried off screaming. She was taken to Winchester House, where she was lodged by Nicholas Young, housekeeper to the Bishop of Winchester, the orphan lying that night

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with Lady Fulwood, mother of Roger Fulwood. The next morning she was inveigled into the chapel, under pretence of showing her the house, and there was married to Roger Fulwood, in the presence of Lady Fulwood, by Mr. Rogers, a minister living in Old Street. Subsequently her clothes were pulled off her, and she was placed in bed with Roger Fulwood. That night Fulwood and one Bowen who had been active in the matter were apprehended by the Lord Keeper's sergeant-at-arms, and were brought with the orphan to the Lord Mayor about one o'clock in the night, she beseeching him on her knees, and for God's sake, to deliver her out of the hands of those people; whereupon he sequestered her to the custody of her friends. A licence for marriage at St. Saviour's was procured the day before, upon the affidavit of Nicholas Young that the orphan was neither heir nor ward. It was given out that the orphan's friends intended to marry her to a Dutch doctor, and Fulwood pretended that he had her consent. Rogers and all the other parties absented themselves. [1 p.]

[Sept. 17.] 95. Copy of the same. [1½ p.]

Sept. 17. 96. Order of the King in Council upon the above certificate of the Lord Mayor. His Majesty declaring that if the fact prove as foul as it is certified, the delinquents deserve a severe and exemplary punishment, it was ordered that Fulwood and his accomplices should be roundly proceeded against. [Copy. ¾ p.]

Sept. 17. 97. Charles Lord Lambert to Sir John Lambe. It was since London. Bartholomew Day that Dr. Eden finished the brief in the cause between the writer and Lord Robartes, concerning the will of the late Lord Robartes. The writer was with Dr. Eden at Cambridge when the brief was finished. The brief-maker on behalf of Lord Robartes has falsely set down many of the depositions. The testator said he had made his will, and that it was safe; but it does not appear that the will exhibited is that will. The Earl of Carlisle, deceased, was a judge in the commission which the writer obtained, and it was Dr. Eden's opinion that the writer should endeavour to get the Archbishop of Canterbury added in his place, the rather for that there being nothing given to pious uses, nor anything in the testator's lifetime, and all of it so ill gotten, and so much proved against the will, the archbishop would be inclinable to favour this cause, and if the will be overthrown a good help might be taken out of the estate for St. Paul's. Prays Sir John to move the archbishop therein, upon which at least the archbishop might declare himself to some of the judges, so that the writer should find the more favour therein. [Seal with arms. 2 pp.]

Sept. 18. 98. The Council to the Mayor of Newark. We understand from the sheriff of the county that you have paid in of the ship-money for this last year, only 50*l.*, and that you are still 70*l.* behind. His Majesty has commanded us to require you to finish your collection, and to pay in the same by Michaelmas next, as you will answer your failing herein before this Board. [Draft. ¾ p.]

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- Sept. 18. 99. The Council to the Mayor and Sheriffs of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. We understand by the sheriff of Northumberland that there rests unpaid no part of the ship-money of that county, but only the 700*l.* set on Newcastle. His Majesty expected a more speedy payment, considering how much was last year abated, and requires you presently to pay the arrear, as you tender the good of his Majesty's service and will answer the contrary. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Sept. 18. 100. The same to the Mayor of Newbury. Complaint is made that the great gift given by Mr. Kendrick, for the good of the poor and of the trade of clothing in that town, is much impaired, or not employed with that success which the donor intended. His Majesty has commanded us to require you to come yourself, or to send one of the aldermen of your town, to attend the Board on Sunday, the 2nd October, to give an account of how the money has been disposed of, what is remaining and in whose hands, and generally to make appear how that business stands. [*Draft. It appears from the endorsement that a similar letter was written to the Mayor of Reading.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Sept. 18. 101. Minute of a warrant to Reynold Gunnell, messenger, to fetch before the Lords Calvin Brian [Bruen], sheriff of Chester. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]
- Sept. 18. The like to Edward Stockdale, to fetch before the Lords — Porter, the farmer's searcher at Rye. [*Written on the same paper as the above.* 3 lines.]
- Sept. 18. The like to Symond Wilmot, to fetch Paul Greensmith, searcher at Rye. [*Ibid.* 3 lines.]
- Sept. 18. 102. The like to Edmund Barker, messenger, to take into his custody George Tuckwit, and to keep him safe until further order. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]
- Sept. 18. 103. William Bassett, Sheriff of Somerset, to the Council. In Claverton. obedience to your letter of the 29th March last, I called before me the inhabitants of Northover and Tintinhull, and upon examination of the complaint of the inhabitants of Northover, concerning an over-rate for ship-money, I have ordered that Tintinhull shall pay 10*s.* 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*, a copy of which order, with my warrant for collection, I have hereunto affixed. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.] *Annexed,*
103. I. *Copy of order of the sheriff above mentioned. Dated 1st July 1637.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
103. II. *Copy warrant to the constables of Tintinhull, to levy the 10*s.* 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* above mentioned. Dated 1st June [sic] 1637. [Written on the same paper as the preceding.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
- Sept. 18. 104. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords Hampton Court. of the Admiralty. Treat with Mr. Crane about victualling the ships next spring. Sign warrant for supplying with victuals the ships appointed to continue at sea till the 14th December. Consider reference from his Majesty upon the petition of John Ferris for

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cook's place in the great ship. Also what directions shall be given to Sir John Pennington. Peruse letters respited till the Lord Treasurer were present. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 18. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. Viscount Went-
Hampton Court. worth, Lord Deputy of Ireland, having sent over for provision of cordage and other things for furnishing the Swallow and the Ninth Whelp, now to be wintered on that coast, it is desired that you deliver the anchors required out of his Majesty's store, receiving such prices for refurnishing the store as the same are bought at. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 52. 1 p.*]

Sept. 18. The same to the same. The Swiftsure, the Unicorn, the Bona-
Hampton Court. venture, the First Whelp, the Second Whelp, and the Greyhound shall be continued at sea till the 14th December. You are to give order to the Surveyor of Marine Victuals to supply them with victuals. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 52. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

Sept. 18. 105. The same to Sir John Pennington. Now that the Earl of
Hampton Court. Northumberland is come in, and his commission expired, the ships mentioned in the last preceding article are to be continued abroad under your command. You are to take the same under your charge as Admiral, and with them to guard his Majesty's seas and coasts, to apprehend all pirates, and to preserve his Majesty's honour and right of sovereignty in those seas, according to instructions heretofore given, and such further directions as you shall receive. We have given order for supply of the said ships till the 14th December next, and will give timely order for their further supply. Concerning such merchant ships as were set forth either by his Majesty or the city of London, which are not already discharged by the Earl of Northumberland, you are to certify for what time they are victualled, and to continue them under your command till the six months they are to serve be within fourteen days expired, and then to dismiss them. [*Small seal of the Lords of the Admiralty. 1 p.*]

Sept. 18. Copy of the same. [*See Vol. cccliii., fol. 53. 1 p.*]

Sept. 18. The same to Sir Henry Marten. We send you a petition pre-
Hampton Court. sented to his Majesty in the name of the factors and merchants of Dover, and referred to us. We desire you to certify how near the shore the two ships of Hamburgh were taken, and how far the business is proceeded in the Admiralty Court, that we may make report to his Majesty. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 53. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

Sept. 18. 106. John Crane to the Lords of the Admiralty. By order of the 16th July you appointed Sir William Russell to pay me 4,605*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*; I have only received 2,000*l.*, and that from the sheriff of Northamptonshire. My desire is that within ten days I may receive such moneys as remain due to me, viz., 2,605*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* on the estimate for this present year, and 1,445*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.* for weighing

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the Anne Royal last year, otherwise I shall be disabled to discharge my engagements. [1 p.]

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Brian.
[Bryanstone.]

107. Richard Rogers, Sheriff of Dorset, to Nicholas. I am now less than 500*l.* of the end of my sum. Some 400*l.* or 500*l.* of what is already received I have this week returned, and will the rest as soon as I meet with an opportunity. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Dover.

108. Mayor and Jurats of Dover to Sec. Coke. Your letters we yesterday received, and have taken examinations, which we send enclosed, with other examinations of some bold and unfitting demeanours of strangers living in this town, which out of loyalty to his Majesty, and zeal to religion, we thought it not fitting to conceal. Of the three particulars whereof you require, for the first, we find that all the persons named are strangers, and live in this town as factors, merchants, or masters of ships. For the second, we hear not that the strangers openly perform the ceremonies of the Popish religion, but often oppose our religion by disputes obtruded on Protestant strangers here residing. And for the third, we cannot understand of any Popish priests harboured amongst them in this town, or where they use privately their ceremonies, but we suspect the same, for some of them most Sundays in the morning ride forth of town and return again towards evening, and it is suspected it is to hear mass at some place not far from this town. [1 p.]

Enclosed,

108. I. *Examination of Gabriel de la Port, of Dover, merchant, taken this day before Stephen Monins, mayor, and John Waad, John Pringle, Luke Pepper, Thomas Day, and Thomas Cullen, jurats. The same day that Mr. Thosse, Mr. Vanneile, Mr. Budeor, and other merchant strangers returned from Canterbury, where they were presented as recusants, and not repairing to St. Mary's Church, being upon the Bench upon conference about them, Vanneile said that one of the court who took their names said, "Go your ways. We would we could do as you do;" and that Thosse, speaking of their names being taken in the court on half a sheet of paper, said, "There was paper enough to write our sentence down." And that the merchant strangers often at their meeting on the Bench (the place of their daily meeting) rise boldly and scoffingly to dispute with Protestant strangers about religion. [Attested copy. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

108. II. *Similar examination of Humphrey Mantle, of Dover, beer brewer. States the names of the stranger factors, merchants, and masters of ships dwelling at Dover and lately presented at Canterbury. That examinant as one of the churchwardens of St. Mary's, with his fellow churchwarden and sidemen, on a Sunday morning when the French Bishop was in the town, at the sign of the George, went into the said house, and, in the great chamber*

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there, saw kneeling at mass about 100 persons, and a priest, in his priestly habit, reading mass, and states the names of many of the persons there present. Some of the said persons persuaded examinant not to disturb them, which he saying he came not to disturb them, but to take notice of who were present, they thrust him and others who were with him out of the chamber. Does not know of any other time of mass being said in this town. [Underwritten is a confirmation of the truth of the bulk of the above facts by Edward West, the other churchwarden, and by William Eaton, Samuel Dell, and John Dibb, sidesmen of the parish of St. Mary. Attested copy. $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

108. III. Similar examination of John Pringle. About a month past Gabriel de la Port came to examinant on the Bench, being grieved that the stranger merchants durst dispute openly, saying, "If we should dispute openly in Flanders, we should suffer for it." Also that James Huggessen the elder, late of that town, said that Peters, who lodged at his house, told him that, being at mass, they had resisted the churchwardens and put them out of doors, and that if they came again they would beat them out. [Attested copy. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

108. IV. Similar examination of Samuel Clarke. Daily walking on the Bench and meeting with divers stranger merchants, and they speaking of our and their religion, they said they hoped in time that the Popish religion should be settled in England, and that the occasion of such conference was that Vanneile told deponent that there was a book come forth, a sermon preached before the King, for confession by priests. [Attested copy. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 19. 109. Warrant to pay to John Crane 180*l.*, and to Sir William Russell
Westminster. 2,084*l.* 12*s.*, being the estimated charge for launching the great ship
built at Woolwich. [12 lines on a strip of parchment.]

Sept. 19. 110. The King to the Lord Mayor and others of London. For
Canbury. the provision of two ships of war, each of 700 tons, with 280 men,
properly equipped for war and furnished with provisions for six
months' service, to be ready at Portsmouth on the 1st March next.
[Latin. 2 pp.]

Sept. 19. 111. The same to the Mayor and others of Bristol. The like writ
Canbury. for similar provision of a ship of war of 80 tons and 32 men, to be
equipped and furnished, and to be ready as above mentioned.
[Latin. $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 19. 112. The same to the Sheriffs of cos. Montgomery, Denbigh, Flint,
Canbury. Carnarvon, Anglesea, and Merioneth, and to the corporate towns
within the same counties, being the counties and towns in North
Wales. Similar writ to make provision of a ship of war of 400 tons,

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with 160 men, to be equipped, furnished, and ready, as in the writs before calendared. [*Office copy.* 18 pp.]

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113. The Council to Thomas Richbell, messenger. To bring before the Lords —— Leverete, a gardener, who undertakes to cure the King's evil. [*Minute.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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Lindley.

114. William Burton to Sir John Lambe. Acknowledges the receipt of two letters from Sir John, in which he understands kind assistance for reprinting his book. Next term he intends to move Mr. White and his partner, Mr. Leite, about the delivery of the prints and other drafts which he had to cut, for which he will tender him a reasonable composition, though he never had a penny of Mr. White for his copy, only a few books to give to his friends. His brother, the rector of Seagrave, yesterday gave him notice that, by a late decree made by the Council, no book shall be printed or reprinted unless two copies be made of the same, one for the examiners, the other for the printer. If it be so, he shall not proceed next term, for his book is now grown so great that he knows not how to get another copy transcribed, for that he is so troubled with the stone that he cannot sit long to write. If it be so, he must entreat his Grace, that since the book touches no points of religion, but chiefly of antiquity, that he would procure licence that this only copy may pass for all. For the tax wherein Daintrey [Daventry] deanery is wanting, if anything be omitted it shall be sent. Both the manors in Oadby he has brought down to Sir John, and will insert anything he may send. For the visitation of their county, he imagines it is but of later times, and therein he is fully ascertained. P.S.—With your letter I received one from Edward Lake (the registrar, I think), wherein he challenges procurations for my chapel of Lindley, notwithstanding your order at your court at Leicester; he sent to know my answer, for upon refusal he says the archdeacon intends to commence a suit in the Exchequer. I entreat you to mollify him, for of right I ought to pay none. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.] *Enclosed,*

114. I. *List of livings within the deanery of Daventry, with their values and the amounts at which they were taxed.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 19.

115. Order of the Court of Aldermen of London, on the petition of Roger Hatton, haberdasher, of London, showing that he was suddenly called upon to make an offer for a new lease of the office of Garbler, having about five years to come in the same, and being at that time very much troubled, and in a great strait, unadvisedly made an offer far beyond its value, and has paid to the Chamber of London 200*l.* in submission to the order of the then committees, and therefore prayed that he might be favourably dealt with in taking his new lease. The court recommends petitioner and his suit to the further consideration of the surviving committees for letting the city land, to whom petitioner made that offer, as also to the committees now being. [*Underwritten, "The said Roger Hatton is deceased without any lease granted unto him."* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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- Sept. 19. 116. "Reasons which incline me [William Chillingworth] either to suppress, or at least to differ [defer], my answer to the second part of *Charity Maintained*." These reasons were prepared for the satisfaction of Archbishop Laud. They are six in number, and are principally that the substance of the controversy is handled in the first part, and therefore that, if the first part be answered, the second needs no answer. The person who submitted this paper to the archbishop has added a seventh reason, which Chillingworth had stated to him verbally, which was personal as to Dr. Potter, and arose out of Chillingworth's unwillingness to adopt some conclusions and some quotations adopted by Dr. Potter. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- Sept. 19. 117. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 5,866*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* paid by John Button, sheriff of Hants, in part of 6,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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- Sept. 20. 1. Deputy Lieutenants of co. York to the Council. Having received
The Manor, on 31st August your letters of the 6th of the same, for furnishing
at York. this county with a fit proportion of gunpowder, upon view we found in store but three lasts and a half and two barrels, and therefore have taken order for the supply of a last and a half, being the quantity anciently provided. In some places there is infection, but we have resolved that the trained bands shall be exercised with what expedition may be. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]
- Sept. 20. 2. Sir Robert Banister, Sheriff of co. Northampton, to the Council.
Northampton. Mr. Cartwright confesses his error, and desires pardon, in which petition I join, desiring that it may be censured to proceed out of passion and want of judgment, being a young man, rather than out of wilfulness or evil affection to his Majesty's service, which I desire may be known to his Majesty, with my thanks for his protection of me in his service. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Sept. 20. Lords of the Admiralty to Thomas Bartram and William Black-
Hampton Court. burn, masters of the Trinity House. Viscount Wentworth, for better accommodating the *Swallow* and the *Ninth Whelp* in Ireland, being there to be wintered, has sent over Guildford Slingsby to make provision of stores. We pray you, when Slingsby shall give you notice that these provisions are ready, to survey them and observe their conditions, and return us your opinion, to the intent that his Lordship may be certified whether the said provisions be so well conditioned as are usually delivered to his Majesty for the service of his ships there, but also that the ships may be served with them without any detriment. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 53 b.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Sept. 20. [Sir Thomas Roe] to Thomas Earl of Arundel and Surrey. I send
Cranford. you a model of my conceptions for erecting a West India Company. I

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intend it as a ground or beginning for the discussing and maturation of his Majesty and his secret Council, like the labourer that cuts the timber for a master builder; and be pleased to consider that these propositions have much to be enlarged upon examination, so that when you have polished it, who are the principal mover, if there arise any difficulty, I shall be ready, and I hope able, before the Lords, to clear it, and to make the work appear both honourable and easy, except only in the point of getting credit with adventurers, which must arise from his Majesty's declaration. I have the whole frame in my head, or notes, and I have got from Holland a copy of the first *octroye* of the privileges of the Society of the United Provinces, which I have set to translate, and from which we shall take much light for direction of this intended company. [*Copy in Sir Thomas's handwriting. See Vol. ccclxiv., No. 82. ¾ p.*]

Sept. 20.
Pendennis
Castle.

3. Sir Nicholas Slanning to Sec. Windebank. This day there came into this harbour of Falmouth, Capt. Harrison, in the *Hercules*, of London, Rear-Admiral of the fleet employed at Sallee, and Capt. White, in the Expedition, who commends very much the condition and sailing of his ship. They believe Capt. Carteret with the other pinnace to be at Plymouth, or nearer the Downs, and report Capt. Rainsborough with the three other ships to be at Saffi, perfecting articles of peace with the King of Morocco, and receiving from him presents for his Majesty. They affirm also that the new town of Sallee is yielded to the King of Morocco, and have brought with them a great many captives belonging to this country and Ireland, and say that the rest are sent in the other ships. These news are most joyfully taken in these parts, and will much forward his Majesty's service. [1 p.]

Sept. 20.
Barrow.

4. William Berridge to [Sir John Lambe?]. I have been, I confess, a lover of antiquities, but (as of other parts of literature) with small success, nor ever had I in my custody any records worth knowing, save an inquisition concerning the valuation of churches, taken *temp. Hen. VIII.*, which was given me by Mr. Burton, of Lindley (the only man I know who is likely to satisfy your desires in this particular), which inquisition I imparted to Mr. Langham, of Bottesford. P.S.—If it be your pleasure that I should inquire of Mr. Burton, I will go over to him. [¾ p.]

Sept. 21.
The Antelope,
in St. Helens
Road.

5. Capt. George Carteret to the Lords of the Admiralty. An enclosed letter from Capt. Rainsborough is to give account of our proceedings before Sallee. Presently, after we got off all his Majesty's subjects who were in captivity, amounting to 270 or thereabouts, the 10th of last month, by my Admiral's order, I set sail with this ship, the *Hercules*, and the two pinnaces, with order to touch on the coast of Spain to take in fresh water and ballaice [ballast], which could not be had in Sallee, and, as I came home, to range the Spanish coast. During the time that I was taking in water, I received a letter from my Admiral by a Spanish boat, wherein he writes that two days after I came away the *Mary Rose*

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and the Greyhound arrived there, and that he was ready to sail for Saffi. I am just now come to an anchor in St. Helen's Road, and the Providence, where I am landing those captives we brought from Sallee, having received order from my Admiral so to do, they being most of them west-countrymen. The Hercules and the Expedition (notwithstanding strict order not to lose my company) left me in the night of the 16th inst., about 100 leagues off the Land's End, which might have proved very prejudicial, for then I had little hope to recover the English coast so soon as I have done, and I had but 11 days' victuals left; therefore I intended to furnish myself with a week's victuals out of the two months' provision Capt. White had in his ship. I have now but six days' victuals left, and intend to sail this night for the Downs with these two ships, there to attend further orders. My boatswain died three months since; his place was supplied by William Johnson, who has been boatswain's mate and a deputy boatswain these 15 years in divers of his Majesty's ships; I recommend him for this place. [*One line worn away. Seal with arms. 2 pp.*]

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6. William Brissenden to Nicholas. On 31st July and 1st August, all the English captives in Sallee (being about 400) were sent on board our ships. [*Margin: "About 700 were sent to Algiers before our ships' coming to Sallee."*] With Sallee there is peace contracted. Tuesday, the 8th August, the Antelope, the Hercules, the Expedition, and our ship set sail for Cadiz to water, leaving the Leopard and the Mary in Sallee Road, bound from thence to Saffi, there to receive horses and other presents from the King of Morocco for his Majesty. On the 15th our four ships arrived at Cadiz, and at our being there Capt. Carteret had intelligence that the Mary Rose and the Roebuck were arrived at Sallee. On the 22nd we all four weighed from Cadiz for England. On our voyage homeward we had sight of four Turks men-of-war betwixt the southward cape and the northward, but could not take any. After adverse winds and foul weather, on the 19th inst. Capt. Carteret and our ship were in the Channel, the Hercules and Expedition leaving our company on Sunday night, it being fair weather and a light night. On the 20th we were thwart Plymouth, but by reason of weather we steered along the coast. The next morning we were thwart the Isle of Wight and steering for St. Helen's, where we safely anchored about one this afternoon. [*Seal with crest. 1½ p.*]

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7. Thomas Gardiner, Recorder of London, to the King. At the last session of gaol-delivery for London and Middlesex, Joan Ashby was indicted for murdering a bastard child, but in regard a midwife and another woman who viewed the child conceived it was born dead, and that Ashby did not deny the child, nor did it appear that any violence had been offered to it, and persons of good quality testified to her honest and civil conversation until she was charged with this crime, the court reprieved her after judgment. [*½ p.*]

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8. Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Newbury, Berks, to the King. Hugh Hawkins, one of our aldermen, is authorized to attend your Majesty and the Council, touching the employment of the money given to our town by John Kendrick, deceased. [*Imperfect impression of the town seal.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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9. The same to the Council. Similar letter with account of the money above mentioned. The amount received was 4,000*l.*, which is thus accounted for: disbursed for licence of mortmain, and for land to build the workhouse on, 454*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*; for building the workhouse and purchase of implements for making cloth, 1,192*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.*; stock of cloth unsold, 407*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*; debts owing to the house, 273*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.*; in the hands of William Godwyn, William Barnard, and Richard Batchelor, who use the trade of clothing in the house, and set poor people on work, several sums amounting to 700*l.*; in the house in stock of money, 438*l.*; lost in trading, 534*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* [1 p.]

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10. Henry Earl of Holland to Sec. Windebank. Upon inquiring of the sheriff, Sir Robert Banister, in what condition his Majesty's service stands in this shire for ship-money, he has given me this account, which he is desirous should be presented to his Majesty. I have sent it to you to dispose of as you please. I find him confident to make a very speedy despatch in it. [1 p.] *Enclosed,*

10. I. *Account of ship-money charged upon each several hundred in co. Northampton, with the amounts received and due from each, taken 19th September 1637.* [1 p.]

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The Swiftsure,
in the Downs.

11. Sir John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. The 20th I discharged the Pleiades and the Mayflower, two of the merchants' ships; their victualling ends the 4th of next month. This day I sent in for Chatham the Convertive and the Swan, theirs ending at the same time. There are now no more of his Majesty's ships remaining abroad but those five which you have ordered to continue here, and for the merchant ships there are yet abroad the William in Holland, the Margaret at Plymouth for wafting the Spanish agent, and the Prudence here with me. These three are the city ships, and are victualled till the 16th October. The Unicorn, the other merchant ship, is at Guernsey attending the Earl of Newport; her victualling ends the 4th October. Here is some little quantity of our supply of victuals come down, and they say the rest will suddenly be here. I desire the Greyhound may be despatched back to me, for I shall have daily use of her. [*Seals with arms.* 1 p.]

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Deptford.

12. Sir William Russell to Nicholas. I send you a petition to present to the Lords. The contents are very true, the abuse great, and I conceive unanswerable. Upon what pretence Mr. Dynes detains the money I know not, haply for some debt owing him by Sir Robert Mansell which I undertook to satisfy. It is true that

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Sir Robert Mansell once entreated me to pay him 500*l.* upon some account betwixt them, but afterwards altered his mind. I send you also the receipt given for the money to my use, and lastly I send you the certificate for the country money, with all which I should have waited upon the Lords, but for the gout, by reason whereof I cannot pass my account for the country moneys in this your waiting month, so that I must entreat your patience until your next, by which time I hope to have two accounts ready to pass together. [*Nicholas has underwritten, "Mr. Jo[hn] Dynes' receipt for this 600*l.* was re-delivered to him by Sir William Russell's order."* 1 p.]

Sept. 22. 13. Bill of William Lathum for 3½ yards of Fi[ne] Segovia Spa[nish] clo[th] at 25*s.* per yard, purchased by Richard Harvey [servant to Endymion Porter] from Jon. Melhuish, 3*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*

Sept. 22. 14. Examination of John Maynard, yeoman, taken before Attorney-General Bankes. Examinant was employed by James Ingram, deputy warden of the Fleet, to convey William Prynne to the gaol of Carnarvon, and Ralph Evans and John Witch were joined with examinant in the service. They were charged that nobody should have private speeches with him, and that they should have a watch and a guard if there were cause. Divers persons resorted to Prynne in the streets and highways as they went, and some prayed for him, but he knows not their names, nor that any gave him money. Prynne desired the keepers to stay with him at Barnet, to have his ears and his face dressed, and there was a dinner provided, and about 20 persons dined in the room, but examinant knew none of them, nor who paid for the dinner. None had private conference with Prynne. At St. Albans six or eight persons resorted to Prynne and supped with him. On Saturday night they came to Coventry, and the next morning Prynne desired to go to church, which, after much entreaty, was consented to, and he and Maynard went morning, afternoon, and evening. After afternoon service Prynne and the keepers dined together. At supper divers came into the room to look at Prynne, and some came in after supper and saluted him. A minister came in the evening and saluted him, but stayed with him not a quarter of an hour. None of these had any private speeches with him. Alderman Clarke came to him at Coventry. He came to inquire how Mr. Dunne did, who was Prynne's surgeon. At Chester they stayed two nights, and divers men and women resorted to Prynne, but no aldermen or men of quality, neither does he know their names. None of them had any private conference with Prynne. Prynne and all the keepers went abroad to a stationer's, where Prynne desired to buy a Welsh Bible and a Common Prayer Book, and to a mercer's, where Prynne bought some stuff for the hanging of a room. On Friday night they came to Carnarvon. They went to the gaoler, who could speak no English. Then they repaired to the under-sheriff, but could not procure him to receive Prynne until the Monday following. There was no resort to Prynne at Carnarvon, save Griffin, the

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deputy recorder there, and Spicer, deputy constable of the castle, and they had no speech with him in private. Because there was not any convenient lodging in the gaol, the under-sheriff lodged Prynne in the gaoler's house. There was given to Prynne's keepers about 26s. at Barnet, and 12*d.* apiece at Coventry, and about three ounces of tobacco at Chester, and they who gave the same desired the keepers to be as kind to him as they might. [2 pp.]

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Examination of James Ingram, Deputy Warden of the Fleet, taken before Attorney-General Bankes. According to order of 15th July last he received William Prynne from the Lieutenant of the Tower, and the same hour that he received him, being Thursday morning, the 27th July, he carried him out of town, and rode with him seven miles towards Barnet, and left him in custody of Ralph Evans, John Witch, and John Maynard, with direction not to suffer anybody to speak with him, and that when they came to their inns they should repair to the mayor or constable to require their assistance, and to have a watch every night about the chamber of Prynne, and deliver him to the keeper at Carnarvon with a charge to keep him close prisoner in the gaol of the castle. When examinant rode from the Fleet with Prynne, divers persons met him in the streets and in the highway, and said to him "God be with you!" and "God bless you!" and some shook him by the hand, but he did not stay in the streets, nor to examinant's knowledge receive any money, and examinant reproved those who spoke to him. The day before Prynne went out of the Fleet, the wife of Dr. Leighton brought him a beaver hat, which he refused. The persons who met Prynne were of mean quality. The next day after, being Friday, he went with Mr. Burton about seven miles out of town, and in their passage great store of people resorted to Burton, and called to him "God bless you!" and "God be with you!" and some shook him by the hands, for which examinant reproved him and them, and examinant believes some of them gave him money. Examinant gave directions to Mourfin, his servant, to observe what money was given, and by whom, and when examinant departed he left Burton in custody of Thomas Davys, Robert Phillips, and George Mourfin, charging them to carry him to Lancaster gaol, and not to suffer his wife or any other to speak with him. [*Written on the same paper as the preceding article.* 1 p.]

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The Swiftsure,
in the Downs.

15. Sir John Pennington to Lords of the Admiralty. Four of the Sallee fleet have arrived here, viz., the Antelope, the Hercules, the Expedition, and the Providence; the two first have but five days' victuals remaining, but the two pinnaces are yet victualled for two months. I conceive they would be very fit vessels for this winter service. Capt. Carteret, their Vice-Admiral, has informed you of all passages concerning that employment. [*Seals with arms.* 1 p.]

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The Antelope,
in the Downs.

16. Capt. George Carteret to the same. Last night I met with the Hercules and the Expedition, which left me off the Land's End a week since. They have come along with me to the Downs. The

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Hercules has but three days' victual, the Expedition and the Providence have still two months', and I have only five days'. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Sept. 23.
London.

17. Edward Fenn to Nicholas. The sheriff of Worcester has paid in 200*l.*, which is all I have received since the last certificate. I am a suitor to you concerning the enclosed petition, the business being an act of mine, to repose that trust in Dynes to receive 600*l.* for me, which was brought up by the sheriff of Suffolk's servant, and lay at Mr. Charlton's house in Mincing Lane, next door to the said Dynes. I had no other end but to give despatch to the sheriff's servant, who paid at the same time 1,000*l.* more to me, but Dynes having received the 600*l.* and given his receipt for the same, I gave the sheriff a discharge of the whole money. I sent to Dynes next day for the money, but he refused to pay it, as is set down in the petition, but I hope by your assistance he will be forced thereunto, being reputed a great rich man. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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18. Bill of John Taylor for 2*l.* 7*s.*, on the funeral of Capt. Thomas Porter. "For the velvet pall, 1*l.* For 9 'buckeron' escutcheons in metal, at 3*s.* each, 1*l.* 7*s.*" Paid by Endymion Porter. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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19. The like of Henry Bonner for 11*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* for expenses of the church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on the like occasion, the burial being in the chancel by night.

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20. The like of John Packman on the same occasion for 3*l.* 4*s.* for 16 gallons of burnt claret, at 4*s.* a gallon. [1 p.]

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21. Paymaster's book of receipts and disbursements in the Earl of Lindsey's undertaking in the Great Level, co. Lincoln, from 13th June 1637 to this day: Peregrine Bertie, treasurer; John Liens, director; George Taylor, the accountant. Total receipts, 2,500*l.*, payments, 1,954*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* Part of the account audited by Sir William Killigrew and Robert Long. [20 pp., of which 3 are blank.]

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22. Account of ship-money levied under writs issued in 1636, and remaining in hands of the sheriffs, being 9,029*l.*, and making, with 159,819*l.* paid to Sir William Russell, the total collected 168,848*l.* [1 p.]

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Whitehall.

23. Order of the King in Council, on letter from Sir Robert Banister, sheriff of co. Northampton, signifying that John Cartwright had confessed his error. (*See Vol. ccclxviii., No. 2.*) It was ordered that Cartwright, on his petition and submission left signed at the Board, shall be discharged, and that his servants, William Sharpe, William Stanton, and Anthony Ward, shall be discharged from the messenger, and that a letter be written to the sheriff, leaving to him to discharge Thomas Davies and Giles Swetnam, by him committed to prison in Northampton. [*Council seal impressed, but the paper afterwards altered and converted into a draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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24. Order of the King in Council on petition of Nathaniel Wheatly, mayor of Banbury, that he is threatened by divers of the inhabitants to be sued, after the year of his mayoralty is expired, for distresses taken for ship-money. His Majesty declared that if the said mayor should for that service be sued in the Town Court at Banbury, the Council should forthwith remove the suit to Westminster, and afford the mayor their best assistance and advice. [Draft. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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Whitehall.

25. Similar order on petition of Thomas Horth, of Great Yarmouth, merchant, desiring that the soapboilers of London might be enjoined to take off his oils which he provided on a contract with the late soapboilers of Westminster, and that the Muscovia Company might permit him to land his oils. Upon hearing the answers of the soapboilers of London and the Muscovia Company, it was ordered that, for what concerns Horth's agreement with the Company of Soapboilers of Westminster, he may take his course against those with whom he contracted, the Lords not conceiving the soapboilers of London any ways obliged to make good the agreement made with the soapboilers of Westminster. Touching Horth's landing his oils in this kingdom, the Muscovia Company having more oils than they can vend in this kingdom, and Horth having had leave to trade to Greenland only for the service of Scotland, it is ordered that he shall either serve Scotland with his oils or seek a vent in foreign parts. [Draft. $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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26. Similar order on the petition of her Majesty's Players, that by reason of the plague (having no other employment or means to maintain themselves), being restrained from using their quality, they pray that they may be restored to their former liberty. It was ordered that they should be at liberty to play at Michaelmas next, if by that time there die not of the infection in London more than died last week. [Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Whitehall.

27. The Council to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London. We send you a petition of William Courteen, showing that he was assessed in April last by the Court of Aldermen to pay 50*l.* towards the ship-money, whereas most of the aldermen were assessed only at 10*l.*, which assessment he has paid for accordance of his Majesty's service, notwithstanding his lands are assessed rateably as other men's, and great part of his estate is in adventure at sea. We require you to give us account why you assessed him at so high a rate. [Entitled, "At Hampton Court, 17th September 1637," when probably the order was made for the letter to be written. Draft. 1 p.]

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28. The Council to Thomas Colston, John Taylor, Miles Jackson, Hugh Brown, John Drayton, Edward Lewis, and Nicholas Gatttonby, of Bristol. Francis Creswick and Giles Elbridge, of Bristol, were in June last convented before the Board upon complaint of William Murray, and certificate of Sir Henry Marten, Judge of the Admiralty, for having detained the duties due to his Majesty and the Lord

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Admiral out of a Brazil ship taken by the Charles, of Bristol. The parties were then dismissed until the 16th October next, when the complaint is to be heard at the Board. Suit is made by Mr. Murray that you may attend at that time to discover what you know concerning the same. You are to make your appearance at the Board on the 16th October next accordingly. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 24. 29. Minute of appearance of Paul Greensmith, who is to remain in custody until discharged. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 24. The like of John Dynes. [*Draft, written on the same paper as the above.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 24. 30. Order of the King in Council. Paul Greensmith, searcher of Whitehall. Rye, being convicted before the Board for having suffered two gentlemen to pass at sea without licence, it was ordered that the Lord Treasurer should discharge Greensmith from his office, and put in some other person of more trust and fidelity. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 24. 31. Minute of appearance before the Council of Hercules Coomer and Richard Adams, high constables of the hundred of Winterstoke, Somerset, who were ordered to remain in custody of the messenger until discharged. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 24. 32. Minute of discharge of William Sharpe, William Stanton, and Anthony Ward, servants to Mr. Cartwright. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 24. 33. The Council to Thomas Richbell, messenger, to fetch before the Lords Luke Davis, of Drayton, co. Oxford. [*Draft minute.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 24. The same to Samuel Hill, messenger, to fetch up George Watkins, one of the present or late bailiffs of Burford, co. Oxford. [*Draft minute, written on the same paper as the preceding.* 4 lines.]

Sept. 24. The same to Henry Kyme, messenger, to fetch up John Yates, Thomas Robbins, and Thomas Pym, constables of Banbury. [*Draft minute. Ibid.* 4 lines.]

Sept. 24. The same to Robert Taverner, messenger, to fetch up Anthony Christopher, and Robert Errington, of London. [*Draft minute. Ibid. Cancelled.* 3 lines.]

Sept. 24. The like to the Warden of the Fleet, to take into custody Paul Greensmith, and keep him till further order. [*Draft minute. Ibid., but not cancelled.* 3 lines.]

Sept. 24. 34. The like as to John Dynes, glazier. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 24. 35. Entry of the appearance before the Council of John Porter, one of the former searchers of Rye, with a subsequent memorandum that "Mr. Porter was this day discharged." [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 24. 36. Similar entry of the appearance of Richard Adams and Hercules Coomer, constables of the hundred of Winterstoke, Somerset, and that upon promise to use their best endeavours to collect

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the arrears of ship-money in that hundred they were discharged.
[Draft. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Sept. 24.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to [Montjoy Earl of Newport]. To allow James Pickering, David Davison, and others, owners of the Prosperous, of London, of 210 tons, now in the Thames, to supply the same with iron ordnance from the founder's store at East Smithfield. [Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 54. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Sept. 24.
Whitehall.

The same to the Officers of the Navy. As soon as the great ship is ready to receive aboard a master cook, you are to cause John Ferris to be entered to that office. [Copy. Ibid., fol. 55. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Sept. 24.
Whitehall.

The same to the Governors of the Chest at Chatham. We have perused your letter touching Sir Sackville Crow's debt of 3,005*l.* 14*s.* owing to the Chest at Chatham, which concerns you to get in as soon as may be, but it appertains not to us to advise what security to take for the said debt; yet, out of our well-wishing to so charitable a work, we advertise you that Lord Goring, who has the farming of the wine licences, has said that he will pay that debt within a year upon some agreement between him and Sir Sackville, and therefore we conceive you will do well to wait upon Lord Goring, and so agree for the debt. [Copy. Ibid. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 24.
Whitehall.

The same to the Officers of the Navy. Concerning the account of Thomas Barton, purser of the Victory, where it seems you find him short of that ship's victualling to the value of 92*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, which he alleges he expended by warrant from his captain, Capt. Walter Stewart, to free the Spaniards that came over with the Condé d'Oniate. You certify that it is contrary to the course of the Office of the Navy to allow any expense in that nature, which makes us marvel very much that you do not your duties therein, but trouble us with businesses so proper for you to order. If you were as careful of his Majesty's service as you are to cast all such unfitting troubles on us, you would gain more reputation and esteem to yourselves, and ease us of much importunity. We expect that in this, and other the like particulars, you observe the rates and course of the Navy. [Ibid., fol. 55 b. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 24.
Whitehall.

37. Heading of an unfinished order of Council, written on the cover of "Judge Crawley's certificates for three circuits," received the 16th May 1637. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Sept. 24.

38. Account of money received for powder sold out of his Majesty's magazine since the 29th September 1636. Of the chandlers of London there had been received 3,560*l.*; of the East India Company, 2,527*l.* 10*s.*; for supplies to the several magazines in cos. Wilts, Suffolk, Northampton, York, and Surrey, 532*l.* 10*s.*; and of Sir William Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, for supplies for the King's service, 13,653*l.*; total, 20,273*l.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Sept. 25.
Whitehall.

39. The King to Sir John Pennington, Admiral of the Fleet in the Narrow Seas. Upon complaint by our servant Sir John Meldrum, that masters of shipping belonging to strangers, taking advantage of a petition exhibited in the name of inhabitants of the Isle of Wight, claiming immunity from the payment of that duty allowed for maintenance of lighthouses at the North and South Forelands, refuse the said payment in the western ports and other roads, where it has been formerly paid; and that some others withdraw themselves from ordinary ports, where they formerly did put in, to by-corners where there is no officer to demand the duty. Our pleasure is that upon complaint from any of the deputies of our said servant you be aiding in the stay of such masters of ships (being mere strangers), their persons or goods found on shore or at sea, until they have made payment of the said duty. [*Signed by the King and with the signet impressed.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 25.

40. Petition of Mons. de Persy [Mr. Percy] to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. For a year past, a little vessel of Calais, of 15 tons, named the St. Jean de Dieu, and managed at sea by one named Cordier, has been moored at St. Peter's, near Dover, where she still is. If this vessel has not done anything wrong (as is believed) the Earl is prayed to speak in her favour to Sec. Windebank, so that she may be restored with her crew. [*French.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 26.
Whitehall.

41. Order of Council. The mayor and burgesses of Kingston-upon-Hull have shown us that by reason of the infection which has been last summer in that town and yet continues, which, notwithstanding, has not been at so great a height as has been bruited abroad, there being dead about the number of two hundred in all of that disease since the 15th July last, and there has not been any house wherein merchandise is sold, from the south end to the north end of the town towards the water-side, where all the merchants dwell, infected; but that, notwithstanding, they are restrained of the vent of their commodities in parts where they formerly traded, to the utter undoing of the town. It is ordered that it may be free for such of them to trade as formerly, who shall bring with them a certificate from the mayor that the said persons and goods are free from suspicion of the plague, wherein we require the mayor to be very cautious that he does not grant any certificate but upon due examination. [*Draft.* $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 26.

42. The Council to Thomas Lord Arundel of Wardour. We understand from the Bishop of Salisbury that in the reign of King James he received into his custody from you about 60 arms, which, having lain without being looked after, will soon spoil, unless care be taken to keep them clean, and that the bishop having moved you thereon, you answered that you had given them to his Majesty. We pray you to advertise us whether you have so given them, to the end that we may take order for preserving the same; or if you intend to retain your property, we pray that they may be trimmed and dressed. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

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Whitehall.

43. The Council to Sir Thomas Trenchard and Bevant Williams, Mayor of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. John Cotton, quarryman at the isle of Portland, one of the undertakers for making ready the great stones for the west end of St. Paul's church (which his Majesty repairs at his own charge), has of late neglected the work himself, and caused some of the other undertakers to do the like by molesting them about private differences, and has also, with threatening language, abused John White, employed there for speedy setting forward the work, to the great hindrance of the service. We require you to call John White, John Cotton, and William and Richard Bayly before you, and to compose the said differences if you can, otherwise to certify whom you find to be faulty. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 26.

44. The same to the Sheriff of Somerset. Upon petition of Richard Adams and Hercules Coomer, constables of the hundred of Winterstoke, promising to use their best endeavours to levy the remainder of ship-money, we have released them. We understand from them that there are persons assessed who do not reside in that hundred and have no distress in the same, and others who, though they reside there, yet have no distress, neither in that hundred or elsewhere in the county. Where any person is assessed in that hundred who lives in another part of the county, you are to cause him to be distrained where he has a distress; and where there is no distress to be found, you are to proceed against such person by imprisonment if he reside in your county. Where there is an assessment made upon any persons who neither reside in your county nor have any distress in the same, you are to send to the Board their names, places of abode, and sums at which they are assessed, that order may be taken as shall be fit. [*Draft.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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45. The same to the Mayor of Banbury. We understand that having collected in part of the moneys assessed upon that town, and being forced to distrain for the residue, divers goods distrained are in your hands unsold. We require you forthwith to make sale of such goods, that the whole moneys may be paid in with all possible speed; and if there should be any overplus upon the sale of the distresses, more than satisfies the sums assessed and the charges, you are to render the same to the parties from whom you took the distresses. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

Sept. 26.

46. The same to the Sheriff and Justices of Peace for Wilts. By our letters in July last, touching contributions towards repairs of St. Paul's, we directed you to sort yourselves into your accustomed divisions for the performance of that service. We by the same intended only your more ease, but not to restrain you from setting about that work in any other division in that county, and shall take it very well from any of you, who, out of his affection for so pious a work, shall employ his endeavour in any other divisions. We also gave you order to send us a certificate in that business in Michaelmas term next; we conceive that time too short, and have

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thought good to leave it to your discretion, and have appointed Archdeacon Marler to be receiver for that county. His Majesty's commission is directed only to such gentlemen as were then in commission of the peace; we are to let you who are since put into the commission know that you also are to attend the service as if you had been in the commission. His Majesty having been informed of the good effects of your endeavours, and of the exemplary bounty (especially of the better quality) of that county, has commanded us to let you understand his gracious acceptance thereof. [Draft. 2 pp.]

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Whitehall.

47. The Council to the Sheriff of co. Northampton. Upon your letters of the 20th September, his Majesty is pleased to remit Mr. Cartwright's error, and to discharge him of further attendance, and likewise to release his three servants who were here in the messenger's custody, and leaves it to you to set at liberty his servants whom you committed to the gaol in Northampton. His Majesty takes such particular notice of your good affection in the service, as he has commanded us to give you thanks for the same, and to encourage you to finish the levying the remainder of the money. [Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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48. The same to Anthony Christopher and Robert Errington. To seize all soap and materials tending to the making of soap. [Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Place, in Rhyd.

49. Thomas Mostyn, Sheriff of co. Flint, to the Council. On 23rd inst. I received your letter dated 21st June, with a petition enclosed from John Williams, clerk. Williams is, and for about ten years last past was seized of the rectory of Northop, which by the assessors, being none of the parishioners, is held to be well worth 300*l.* per annum, and he and his lessees enjoy the full profits thereof, and therefore he was assessed in 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, viz., 3*l.* for Northop and 13*s.* 4*d.* for Flint, being part of the same rectory; which is not an overcharge, for other church livings, considering their quantity and quality, are charged to greater sums. And now, all other men, as well "layaltie" as clergy, having paid, and by me already paid to Sir William Russell, saving this sum of Williams's, I cannot make a new assessment to levy that sum, wherewith Williams is justly charged. Though the rent is small, yet the yearly profit is of great value, for the which he received a great fine, besides 50*l.* annual rent reserved upon his lease; and it is of far greater value than any knight's demesne lands in this county, for which knights pay their assessments, and the tenants for the rest of their lands. Further, Williams lives in co. Denbigh, as vicar of Llanrhaiadr-ynmochnant. cannot learn that he has been in this county these two years, but sent a messenger to serve me with your letter and his petition, who offered me from the said Williams 20*s.* for his whole assessments, which I refused, in regard I was loath to pay the rest out of my own purse, and did not know where to light upon him or his goods

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within my sheriffwick, whereby to be repaid, or to execute his Majesty's writ upon him for non-payment. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Sept. 26. 50. Copy of the same. [1 p.]

Sept. 26. 51. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords
Whitehall. of the Admiralty. Agree with Mr. Crane about the rate of victualling the Navy. Resolve what shall be done touching the ships that are come from Sallee. Speak to those men that provide powder, &c. for ships upon their petition. Appoint a boatswain for the Antelope, whose boatswain died on the voyage to Sallee. The East India Company and other merchants have powder to repair, and have spoken to his Majesty's powdermaker to do it, but he forbears without your order. Consider Mr. Grove's petition about saltpetre; also a memorial from the French agent. Resolve what shall be done upon Sir John Heydon's petition. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 26. Lords of the Admiralty to Sir William Russell. His Majesty
Whitehall. sends the Prince Elector Palatine thirty horses, and has given command that a ship be provided to transport them into the Low Countries. You are to take up a ship accordingly, and to cause sweet casks to be made ready for water for them. [*Copy.* See Vol. cccliii., fol. 54. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 26. 52. The same to Sir John Pennington. You are to cause
Whitehall. William Armorer, sent with the horses above mentioned, to be conveyed [convoyed] towards the Low Countries by one of his Majesty's ships under your charge. [1 p.]

Sept. 26. Copy of the same. [*See* Vol. cccliii., fol. 54. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 26. The same to the same. His Majesty has given licence to
Whitehall. Colonel John Lesly to transport fifty men out of this kingdom to Dieppe. You are to take order that they may have safe convoy by some of the ships under your charge, when thereto requested by the said colonel. [*Copy.* Ibid., fol. 54 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Sept. 26. The same to Capt. George Carteret. We approve your dis-
Whitehall. charging the Hercules; and considering the Antelope is so near out of victuals, you will do well to bring her into Chatham. As for the Providence and the Expedition, you are to deliver them into the charge of Sir John Pennington, and to give directions to the captains to follow his instructions. [*Copy.* Ibid. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

Sept. 26. The same to Sir John Pennington. We have ordered Capt.
Whitehall. Carteret to send into Chatham the Antelope, and to discharge the Hercules, and to put the Providence and the Expedition under your command. We require you to take the said pinnaces into your charge, and to employ them for guard of the Narrow Seas. We hope your fleet has received the supply of victuals formerly ordered, and that the Greyhound will be with you this week at the farthest. [*Copy.* Ibid. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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- Sept. 26. 53. Petition of Hugh Grove, Deputy Saltpetreman, to the Lords of the Admiralty. About four months ago, petitioner was called before you to undertake a new contract. Petitioner made it known that he had fourteen months to come of his former contract, which was for three years, if the commission then granted continued so long in force. Petitioner then entreated that if it were not your pleasure that he should work out his contract, that you should grant him favour to leave his employment, for he found himself not able to perform the service for want of ashes. You signified that petitioner should work out his contract, which he endeavoured to do. Since that time the King has granted another commission for that service, by which means the authority granted to petitioner ceases, the commission whence it was derived being determined. Petitioner seeing no possibility to get ashes, and being grown aged, prays that he may leave his employment, and that the bonds he entered into for performance of that service may be delivered to him. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- Sept. 26. 54. Deputy Lieutenants of Kent to Philip Earl of Pembroke and
Sittingbourne. Montgomery, Lord Lieutenant. By reason of the defaulting of many of the captains who have not made any return to us, and that Capt. Hamond, the muster-master, could not, by reason of his sickness, attend, we are not able at present to make a perfect return, but we shall use our best diligence to do so. Concerning supplying the magazine, the sickness is so very hot in Canterbury and the houses near the church, where the greatest proportion thereof was formerly lodged, as we cannot exactly inform ourselves of the wants, but we doubt not within some convenient time we shall be able to put that service in his due course. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]
- Sept. 26. 55. Deputy Lieutenants of co. Lincoln to Robert Earl of Lindsey,
Lincoln. Lord Lieutenant. We certify that there is a magazine of powder, match, and shot within this county to the value of 200*l.*, and there is in readiness 200 horse and 1,800 foot, well-furnished and able men. [1 p.]
- Sept. 26. 56. Judgment of the Court of Admiralty of the Cinque Ports, held at Dover, in the church of St. James, before Sir John Manwood, Lieutenant of Dover Castle, and William Watmer, surrogate of Dr. Thomas Rives, Judge of the said Court of Admiralty, whereby the articles saved from the derelict ship cast ashore at Seaford, and which articles are enumerated in a schedule annexed, were adjudged to belong to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk, Warden and Admiral of the Cinque Ports. [*Latin. Copy.* 8 pp.]
- Sept. 26. 57. Draft of the same sentence settled and approved by Dr. Thomas Rives. [= 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Sept. 26. 58. Allegation exhibited in the same Court of Admiralty of the Cinque Ports on behalf of Emanuel Dias Henrickes and James Terrey, owners of the *Rose*, of Amsterdam, respecting certain goods

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taken on board the said ship at Gallipoli to be conveyed to Amsterdam, and were brought to Dover or some place there adjoining. The goods are particularly enumerated in three schedules to these articles annexed. [20 pp., of which 9 contain writing.]

Sept. 26. 59. Order of the same Court of Admiralty upon the preceding allegation. It appearing that no particular person was thereby charged as defendant, nor was it alleged that any of the same goods came to any man's hands within the jurisdiction of this Court, time was given for perfecting the same allegation and nominating commissioners for examination of witnesses during 14 days next coming. [1 p.]

Sept. 26. 60. Another order of the same Court. The proctor of the plaintiffs in the preceding allegation having desired a commission for the examination of witnesses at Amsterdam, but could not nominate between what parties such commission should issue, it was ordered that, if the complainant give caution according to the course of the Court, a commission should issue. Touching the goods lately driven on shore in a wrecked ship at Seaford, for as much as it appeared there was no living creature in the said ship, the goods were absolutely wreck, and belonged to the Lord Warden and Admiral of the Cinque Ports in right of his office. [1 p.]

Sept. 26. 61. Statement of Thomas Boxley in answer to the question whether Mr. Harpur first sought him for bringing in the bills of freight belonging to Capt. Doves. [1½ p.]

Sept. 27. 62. The Mayor, Mayor-Elect, and others of Reading, to the Council. Reading. Any complaint against us touching James Kendrick's gift is causeless. We have sent Christopher Turnor, one of our chief burgesses, to attend his Majesty and the Board with our submission to all admonishment we shall receive, and send a just account of the legacy business. The sum received was 7,500*l.*, of which 3,778*l.* had been expended in purchase of land and erection of a workhouse, and 122*l.* in the cost of 12 looms, leaving 3,600*l.*, of which 3,000*l.* was in the hands of 13 clothiers (whose names are stated), upon good security, and 600*l.* remained in the hands of mayor and burgesses, applicable to the purposes indicated by the donor. [1 p.]

Sept. 27. 63. James Duppa to John Marsh. If you will receive from any that are willing to compound the breadth and depth of their mashtun, and a certificate from two justices of the peace that they are neither innkeepers nor alehouse-keepers, I will send you their licences, and bonds for them to seal. Concerning the quarterly payments, I cannot make them otherwise than at the quarter sessions, for many have their licences so already, and the commissioners will not alter their course. I cannot get any proclamations, neither is it fit to set up any but by the sheriff. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

[Sept. 27.] 64. Funeral certificate of Edward Earl of Norwich. He married Mary, daughter of Thomas Cecil, Earl of Exeter, by whom he had

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issue Honora, his sole heir, married to James, late Earl of Carlisle, by whom she had issue surviving one son, James, then Earl of Carlisle, who had married Margaret, daughter of Francis Earl of Bedford. [*Draft, incomplete.* 1 p.]

Sept. 27. 65. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 200*l.* paid by Anthony Dengaine on behalf of Thomas Baker, mayor of Norwich, in part of 7,800*l.* ship-money charged upon Norfolk by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 28. 66. Petition of Thomas Tankerd, gentleman, to the King. Petitioner's lands being found for his recusancy at 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per annum, he submitted himself to composition with the commissioners for the northern parts, who, being misinformed in petitioner's estate, and conceiving him to be seized of divers great manors, where the same were but messuages, and of small value, petitioner was rated at 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per annum for his present payment, and 92*l.* more by the year after the expiration of divers annuities chargeable upon his lands, to the utter ruin of himself and family, who, having a charge of children, and his debts daily increasing, has thereupon been enforced to give over housekeeping, and sell a great part of his lands so compounded for, and yet the gross of his debts not satisfied. Prays reference to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and President of the North, to certify such mitigation as shall be proportionable to your Majesty's clemency and petitioner's estate. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

66. I. *Certificate of Ferdinando Fairfax and ten others, justices of peace, in confirmation of the facts stated in the preceding petition.* [1 p.]

Sept. 28. 67. Edward Bishop to the Council. Morton Brigges, of Haughton, Much Wenlock. Salop, was assessed in the franchise of Wenlock to pay towards ship-money 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* in respect of the tithe of the rectory of Stoke St. Milborough, and of a water corn-mill and mines of ironstone and limestone, of about 100 marks per annum. Brigges lets the tithes to the parishioners, and the works he lets forth to poor people at dear rates, and the mill he lets by waste, so that I cannot take any distress, neither can I take his body, for he lives forth of the franchise. Likewise John Reynolds *alias* Mason, of Much Wenlock, who was appointed by me to collect the money assessed, refuses to pay 13*s.* 8*d.*, which remains in his hands. Also John Croft, of Stoke St. Milborough, being a usurer, refuses to pay 5*s.* assessed upon him, and has no goods to be distrained, and keeps himself out of the franchise, so that I cannot take his body. [1 p.]

Sept. 28. 68. John Earl of Bridgewater, president, with Sir John Bridgeman Ludlow Castle. and Marmaduke Lloyd, two of the Council of Wales, to the Council. Report of their proceedings in obedience to letters of the Council concerning contributions for the repair of St. Paul's. They had received certificates from the county of the city of Gloucester, and from some other places, all which are ready to be shown; but they had not received certificates from cos. Worcester, Denbigh, Flint,

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Montgomery, Carmarthen, Carnarvon, or from the boroughs of Pembroke and Haverfordwest. [*Seal with crest.* 1 p.]

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The Swiftsure,
in the Downs.

69. Sir John Pennington to Lords of the Admiralty. This day the Antelope set sail for Chatham, and on the 25th I sent in the Hercules for the Thames. The Prosperous and the Expedition I have taken into my charge. They are victualled for two months, but their drink is beverage made of cider, which they desire may be changed for beer, the other being too cold and unwholesome for this place and season, and the cider will yield as much to any that are bound for the southward as the beer will cost. Part of our supply of victuals is come down, the rest we expect daily. I hear nothing as yet of the Greyhound pinnace. I have discharged the Prudence, one of the city ships, which I would not have done till Monday next, but that she has many sick men. I hear nothing of the other three which are abroad; their victuals now grow very short. I received a letter from Lord Scudamore, resident in France, for staying the Bonaventure from going to Dieppe to fetch over his lady, by reason she is fallen desperately sick and unfit to travel. [*Seals with arms.* 1 p.]

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70. Sir William Russell to the same. I lately exhibited my petition to you against John Dynes, of London, glazier, for detaining 600*l.* by him received, being ship-money sent up by the sheriff of Suffolk. Dynes has this day repaid the same, which I thought it my duty to certify. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

70. i. *Edward Fenn to Nicholas. Be pleased to deliver Dynes his receipt for the 600*l.** [2 lines.]

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Place, in Rhyd.

71. Thomas Mostyn, Sheriff of co. Flint, to Nicholas. Sends his letter to the Lords in answer to a petition of John Williams (*see No. 49*), and recapitulates most of the facts there stated, with some others in relation to the same matter. Prays Nicholas to let him know what order is taken with Williams therein. [1 p.]

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72. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 400*l.* paid by Sir Richard Harrison, sheriff of Berks, in full of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 29.

Petition of Sir Henry Gibb to the King. Petitioner has been a suitor to your Majesty for payment of 1,500*l.* due upon a bargain concluded with him by your commissioners, for Ashley House and the manor of Walton Leigh in Surrey, for payment whereof petitioner has the woods in the west park of Brancepeth mortgaged to him, since which time your Majesty has made use of a part of the woods, and the rest may be useful for your Majesty's service. Since he has been these eight years and upwards out of his money, prays order to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer that petitioner may receive satisfaction. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 165.* 1 p.]

i. *Reference to the Attorney-General to certify the true state of the business.* [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 166.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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Sept. 29. 73. Order of Council. Being informed that — Pye, messenger, Hampton Court. detains 20*l.* in his hands of fees due to the officers and clerks in ordinary, which he received for the sheriffs' patents that he delivered last year, it is ordered that the Lord Chamberlain be prayed to suspend Pye until he have satisfied the said fees, and that the Treasurer of the Chamber make stay of 20*l.* out of Pye's wages, and thereout pay these officers and clerks. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 29. 74. Similar order. Upon hearing Thomas Elliot and George Hampton Court. Price, concerning a bond wherein Price became bound to his Majesty as surety for Henry Blackall, late soapboiler of London, that he should make no soap after 14th November 1633, the benefit of which bond is granted by his Majesty to Mr. Elliot, it appeared that Blackall had for six years used the trade of a soapmaker, and that if he had been living when his Majesty granted divers privileges to the now company of soapboilers of London, he (who died about two years before) would have participated thereof. It also appeared that the bond was taken only for the advantage of the late company of soapmakers of Westminster, and that there was an agreement whereby the said company would allow Blackall 300*l.* per annum to rent [vent?] a great quantity of soap, which agreement was performed on neither side. It was ordered that the order of the 19th May be confirmed, and that the Attorney-General again be required to cause the suit in the Exchequer against Price to be stayed, but without prejudice to an offer of 300*l.* composition which Elliot alleges had been made to him by Price. [*Draft.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 29. 75. Similar order. Having considered the petition of William Hampton Court. Price, one of the grooms of the Chamber, touching certain new buildings at the Antelope in Holborn, and the reasons which occasioned Price to erect the same, and likewise the petition of Nicholas Hudson, shoemaker, and a certificate from the commissioners for buildings, concerning certain other buildings begun by him to be built, where (about 20 years since) part of the stables of the Antelope inn in Holborn stood, and calling to mind an order of the 3rd March 1636-7, that Price's buildings be reduced into one single house, it was ordered that the former order be confirmed, and that Hudson's house be reduced to stables as heretofore they were, for the use of the said house, heretofore an inn; and that the Governors of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew be required to take such course that all the buildings may be re-united into one tenement. And if the Governors shall vary in anything, the Lords will take order that the orders of the Board and his Majesty's proclamation may be obeyed. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

Sept. 29. 76. Similar order. The Yeoman Warders of the Tower of London presented a petition complaining that having heretofore been freed from all offices abroad, by reason they are tied to continual service in the Tower, yet of late they have been troubled to do service in the city, and for refusing to do so have not only been bound over, but committed to Newgate. The Lords ordered

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that on Sunday next the Lord Mayor should acquaint the Lords in writing with the cause of this proceeding. [*Draft.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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77. The Council to the Officers of the Navy. Sir Frederick Hamilton, gentleman of the Chamber, is for his Majesty's service to repair to Gothenburg, and for his transportation had agreed with Samuel Truelove, of Ratcliff, master of the Adventure, which ship you have since taken up to transport horses to the Prince Elector. We require you to release the said ship, and to enjoin the master to perform his bargain with Sir Frederick. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

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78. Minute of appearance before the Council of Thomas Robins, Thomas Pym, and John Yates, of Banbury, constables. They were ordered to remain in custody of the messengers until discharged. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 29.

The like of a pass for William Ayloff, son of Sir Benjamin Ayloff, to travel for three years. [*Draft, written on the same paper as the preceding.* $\frac{1}{8}$ p.]

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The like of the appearance of George Watkins, bailiff of Burford, co. Oxford. [*Draft. Ibid.* 4 lines.]

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Hampton Court.

79. Order of Council that the messengers appointed for delivery of the patents to the sheriffs for the year ensuing, shall receive from them the fees thereupon due, according to a note thereof subscribed by a clerk of the Chancery; and the said sheriffs are required to pay the same; and further, that the said sheriffs shall be required to give to the Exchequer this next Michaelmas Term the like security as is usual, before the return called *Quindena Martini*. [*Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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80. Petition of Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's to Archbishop Laud, the Lord Keeper, the Lord Treasurer, the Lord Privy Seal, and Sec. Windebank. The persons addressed, on a reference from his Majesty concerning some improvement to be made to the church by enclosing a common called Caddington Wood in cos. Hertford and Bedford, had found that upon a treaty between the commoners and Mr. Greene, on petitioners' behalf, it was agreed that one-third of the said common should be set out for petitioners, which was severed and leased, as also divers others of the commoners severed the parts allotted to them. The commoners contended that these parts had been set out unfairly, and destroyed the enclosures and turned cattle into the parts prepared to be sown. Various orders had been thereupon made, and a commission given to Mr. Justice Crawley and others to allot the land unenclosed amongst the persons claiming common, and not already agreed with. But the cause of dissension existed in the asserted unfairness of the allotments already made, and although petitioners were willing to submit their rights to the commissioners, they had declared that they had no power to deal with allotments previously made. The commoners also, taking advantage of the death of Mr. Greene, had puzzled the

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settlement of the business by various allegations against him. In the meantime daily violent disturbances had taken place. Petitioners now prayed for the punishment of the disturbers and the enlargement of the power of the commissioners. [2 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]

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81. Order of Council made on the preceding petition. It was ordered that all persons throwing down enclosures should be punished, and that the commissioners before mentioned should reduce the proportions already allotted to an equality, so as to ensure a fair and indifferent carriage of the business; and if they can so settle the same in a peaceable way, they are to forbear making any certificate touching past misbehaviours; but if they find the persons interested will not be satisfied with what is reasonable and equal, they are to certify where the fault is, and all the contempts and misdemeanours which have been committed against the orders of the Board. [Draft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

[Sept. 30.]

82. Petition of William Courteen to the Council. The several commodities mentioned in the schedule annexed were provided by Sir William Courteen, petitioner's late father, Thomas Ferrers, deceased, and others, for a present to the King of Morocco for releasing divers of his Majesty's subjects then captives in Barbary, the which commodities have remained in the hands of petitioner ever since his father's death. Prays order how the same shall be disposed of. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

82. I. *The schedule above alluded to. Among the articles were 3 Friesland mares and a colt, 602 lbs. of "ebbenwood" [ebony], 8 iron chests, 2 rich damasked helmets, 2 cases of rich pistols, and 2 buff targets. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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Hampton Court.

83. Order of Council made on the preceding petition. Some part of the said commodities being chargeable to be kept, and some part perishable, we order the petitioner to sell so much of the said commodities as are perishable or chargeable, and to retain the proceeds with the rest of the commodities in his hands till further order. [Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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84. Account of Mr. Courteen of the money received for redeeming captives. The amount received was 1,042*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*; that expended, including the payment for most of the articles mentioned above, was 424*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*, leaving a balance in hand on 1st March 1635-6 of 618*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.* [= 1 p.]

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85. Order of Council. George Lassells, prisoner in the Fleet, by petition showed that, being ordered to pay 13*s.* 4*d.* a week, with arrearages, before Ascension Day last, to his son John Lassells, he had endeavoured to perform the same; but by reason of his imprisonment, those that owe him money, and others who formerly would have lent him reasonable sums, would not afford him any, till now that Sir Robert Coke is willing to deposit the same, if it may procure petitioner's liberty. The Lords declared that if Sir Robert will lay

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down all that is already due, and will undertake for petitioner's performance of the same for the time to come, the Lords will give order for the petitioner's liberty. [Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 30. 86. Licence from the Council to Sir Edward Manfield, of Taplow, Hampton Court. co. Buckingham, a recusant convict, to travel out of his confinement to London and Westminster, or any other place within this kingdom, during the space of 12 months from this date. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 30. 87. Minute of the above. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 30. 88. The Council to Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells. William Gilbert *alias* Yeaton, of Priestleigh, in the parish of Doultling, Somerset, husbandman, has a child of the age of five years, called Richard, who, under pretence of being his seventh son, undertakes to do cures, and thereby has abused divers of his Majesty's subjects. We pray you to call the said William Gilbert *alias* Yeaton before you, and such persons with whom he has been practising, and to examine the proceedings of the said Gilbert and his son, and certifying the same to this Board, to enjoin the said Gilbert to desist to use any more such practices, or to suffer his child to touch any more people. [Draft. 1 p.]

Sept. 30. 89. Order of Council on petition of Thomas Smith, farmer to his Majesty for ballasting ships. Petitioner complained that having, in obedience to the Lords' order, paid to Mrs. Burrell and her sons 2,100*l.* for materials and wharves, 950*l.* whereof was delivered to Sir William Becher, from whom Mrs. Burrell received 650*l.* for a wharf at Woolwich, with a house and lands belonging to it in possession of Ralph Eltonhead, who held it by lease and partnership of Mrs. Burrell, only for ballasting ships, that notwithstanding the Lords' former directions requiring Eltonhead to give quiet possession to petitioner, yet he keeps petitioner out, and has preferred a bill in Chancery against him to hinder the relief which petitioner hopes to receive from the Board. The Lords directed that the petition should be showed to Eltonhead, and ordered that he should attend on them with his answer on the first Wednesday in next term. [Draft. 1 p.]

Sept. 30. 90. Similar order on petition of the creditors of Sir Sampson Darrell, deceased, for victuals delivered aboard his Majesty's ships in 1635. Petitioners showed that they had been a long time suitors for payment of moneys due to them from Lady Darrell, executrix to her late husband, which it seems she is not compellable to pay until satisfaction be given concerning the accounts of her late husband to the King. The Lords prayed the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottingham to order that the said accounts may, without further delay, be finished and declared. [Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 30. 91. The like on petition of Margaret and Elizabeth Gates, Hampton Court. daughters of Sir Thomas Gates, and of Margaret Gates, widow of Anthony Gates, son of Sir Thomas. Petitioners showed that about three years past they petitioned his Majesty for moneys due to

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Capt. Thomas Gates, deceased, son of Sir Thomas, for his service in the voyages to Cadiz, Rhé, and Rochelle, in which service, by a cannon-shot, he lost his life. His Majesty referred the petition to the late Lord Treasurer, but he dying, nothing was done. Petitioners being destitute of means to relieve their wants, or to convey them into Virginia, where their father, governor of "that isle," died and left his estate in the hands of persons who have ever since detained the same, besought the Lords to be a means to the now Lord Treasurer for payment of the moneys due to Capt. Thomas Gates. The Lords prayed the Lord Treasurer (when petitioners shall make appear what is due) to give order for payment thereof. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

Sept. 30. 92. The Council to the Mayor and Jurats of Rye. We have been
Hampton Court. made acquainted with your letter to the Earl of Suffolk concerning the abuse of the searcher of your town in suffering two English gentlemen to pass without licence, and have thought good to commit him to prison for his presumption, and likewise to discharge him of his office, and we give you thanks for your care. It seems by your letter that it has been a common practice amongst the officers of that port to suffer gentlemen to pass without licences upon slender excuses, or upon a ticket only from the Farmers of the Customs at London, which is such an abuse as cannot be answered; and therefore we pray you to continue your care to discover all such officers or others as connive at such passengers; and as herein you shall do his Majesty service, we shall be mindful of you upon any occasion for your advantage. [*Draft.* 1 p.]

Sept. 30. 93. The same to Sir John Cope, William Walter, and Dr. John
Hampton Court. Standard, Justices of Peace for co. Oxford. We send you a petition of Nathaniel Wheatley, mayor of Banbury, on behalf of himself and other inhabitants there, wherein he complains that Banbury in 1633, 1634, and 1635, was charged with the carriage of 14 loads 3 quarters of timber from Stow and Shotover Wood for his Majesty's service, or to pay 9*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* There being no lands nor carts belonging to the borough, the then mayor required the constables to lay down the said money as formerly had been accustomed, which was usually repaid by a general rate; but the constables refusing to disburse the money, warned petitioners, having lands two or three miles out of the town, to perform the service, they having in the said years performed the same in the places where their carts were maintained, and yet offered to pay their money rateably with the other inhabitants, which the constables refused to accept, and returned their names as refusers to perform the service; whereupon, messengers being sent for them, they were constrained to pay the 9*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, with 10*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for fees, which petitioners conceive they ought not to be charged with, and therefore desired to be relieved. We require you to call the petitioners and the constables before you, and do your endeavours to compose the difference, or otherwise to return a certificate in whom the fault remains. [*Draft.* 1½ p.]

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- Sept. 30. 94. The Council to the Bailiffs of Burford, co. Oxford. According to directions given you by his Majesty's writ, and letters from this Board, you have (as is informed) collected and paid a good part of the ship-money assessed upon that town, and having distrained divers, there are many others which yet refuse and remain refractory. We require you to make sale of such goods as you have already taken, and by distress or otherwise to collect the residue, that the whole money may be paid in with all speed; and if there be any overplus upon sale of the distress, you are to render the same back to the parties. [*Draft.* 1 p.]
- Sept. 30. 95. The same to the Justices of Great Sessions in co. Cardigan. We send you a petition of Margaret Jones, widow, wherein is showed, that she living near Aberystwith, in May last sent 70 bushels of rye and "pilcorne" to that place, whither suddenly after there were brought from foreign parts 4,000 bushels of corn; and being thereby prevented of sale, she obtained a cocket or let-pass from the deputy-customer of Aberystwith to export the same to Pwllhelhy [Pwllheli], and to be sold there. The vessel being on her way, Richard Price, Deputy Vice-Admiral for those parts, seized the said vessel and corn for himself, pretending that the same was confiscated to him *jure officii*. Upon his menacing, the sailors left the vessel floating in the port, where it remained for four days. Petitioner having notice given her thereof, caused the boat to be brought ashore, and the corn, which was near spoiled, to be landed; whereupon Price again arrested the corn, and detained the same till petitioner gave security to one Morgan to answer Price, all which she pretends was done rather out of malice than right. We require you to call Price and petitioner before you, and if you find there was no real intention to transport the corn to foreign parts, then to compose the difference, or otherwise to certify the true state of the cause. [*Draft.* 2 pp.]
- Sept. 30. 96. The same to [the Officers of the Exchequer]. The clerks of Edward Nicholas, one of the clerks of the Council, have taken extraordinary pains in writing a large minute of letters to the sheriffs of England and Wales for the business of shipping. We require you to pay them 30*l.* for their pains. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- Sept. 30. 97. Order of Council. Upon hearing a petition presented in the Hampton Court. name of William Green, prisoner in the Fleet, it was ordered that the Attorney-General proceed by *ore tenus* against the said Green upon the said petition, and one other formerly presented of the like nature. [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]
- Sept. 30. 98. The Council to the Warden of the Fleet. To set at liberty Paul Greensmith, his Majesty's searcher at Rye. [*Draft minute.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
- Sept. 30. 99. The same to the same. To set at liberty John Dynes, of London, glazier. [*Draft minute.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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Sept. 30. 100. Minute that Thomas Robins, John Yeates, and Thomas Pym, having been sent for by warrant, upon entering bond to leave [levy] the ship-moneys in arrear at Banbury last year, and deliver the said distresses or money to the late mayor, they were discharged from their further attendance. [*Endorsed are the names of ten of the Council.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 30. 101. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords Hampton Court. of the Admiralty. Agree with Mr. Crane about the rate of victualing the Navy. Appoint a boatswain for the Antelope. Resolve what shall be done upon Sir John Heydon's petition and reference. A man who was employed about saltpetre into Ireland desires to be a deputy in place of Grove. Consider two or three petitions which have been long in hand. Boatswains suitors for the place that is void:—John Garnet, boatswain in the Adventure; Thomas Severn, in the Third Whelp, a very able man; William Johnson, who served boatswain's deputy in the Antelope to Sallee; George Patteson, recommended by Sir John Pennington and the Officers of the Navy; John Robinson, boatswain's mate in the Leopard. [*Underwritten by Lord Treasurer Juxon: "William Johnson for the Third Whelp, and John [sic] Severn for the Antelope."* [1 p.] *Endorsed,*

101. 1. *Further notes by Nicholas, some of them of additional business; among them: Resolve what shall be done with Birtby and Boxley, who are in the messenger's custody. Consider a complaint of provisions sold in the Providence, the King's pinnace. Resolve what proportion of petre shall be assigned to Stevenson, who takes Grove's counties. Resolve from what time the Earl of Northumberland shall be paid.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Sept. 30. 102. Petition of the Provisioners for Gunpowder and other munition for shipping to the Lords of the Admiralty. We, being tradesmen in selling powder for shipping, request that it may be free for us to buy out of his Majesty's store such quantity of gunpowder as we shall have occasion to use, and not to be at any more charge in receiving it than paying his Majesty's price; and also that we sell it to our customers without molestation, as of late times we have been put unto, to our great loss. Moreover, at the coming home from sea of ships, it has been the custom of the masters to send us such powder as shall remain, to be kept in our storehouse in safety, while [until] they go to sea again, for which purpose we have storehouses out of the city, to our great charge. Our request is that we may have liberty to receive and deliver such powder to the owners without any trouble or hindrance, and that it be not violently taken from the owners and carried into the Tower, as of late it has been. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Sept. 30. 103. William Cox, gunner, John Morecock, boatswain, and William Romny, all of the Providence, to Nicholas. Our purser has kept a very strait hand over us all, all the voyage along, and has

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kept a note of the boatswain's ways and passages, and also the carpenter, and has threatened to turn informer, and has abused us all with most base words, and has kept reckoning of every shot I made [during] the voyage, and threatens me that I give good account of what I have done. Fearing that he would write to you and so clear himself, but when we come home all three of us purpose to see you. P.S.—By reason of a young man that was at the helm, coming away from Sallee, saluting the Leopard, he mistaking the helm, it was our fortune to touch some part of the Mare's [Mary's] foremast, but with a fesh [fish] that was clapped on, it was made good again, so that it is no hindrance to the voyage; but if it be questioned, let me entreat you to be my friend. [*Written by Cox.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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104. Minute of an application by Mr. Crane to the Lords of the Admiralty that he may have an allowance in his account of moneys paid by him in Ireland for pipe staves imported thence for his Majesty's service. In former times it was a perquisite of the Lord Deputy to grant licences for exporting pipe staves, but since the now Lord Deputy's going over he has settled a course for payment to his Majesty of 3*l.* per 1,000 upon pipe staves exported, and 10*s.* per 1,000 upon hogshead staves, which brings his Majesty eleven or twelve hundred per annum. [1 p.]

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Hampton Court.

Lords of the Admiralty to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. There is at St. Peter's, near Margate, a French vessel of 15 tons, called the St. Jean de Dieu, apprehended at sea about a year since and sent to St. Peter's by the Earl of Northumberland. His Majesty being pleased to render her to the owners, you are forthwith to cause her to be delivered to Mr. ——. Thosse for their use. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 56.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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Hampton Court.

The same to Sir James Bagg. Complaint is made that the St. Luke, of Olonne, taken by Dunkirkers about the 29th June last and carried next day into Plymouth, was there claimed by the owners as being in a friend's country and not confiscated, and that you consented at first to render her to the owner, but presently after caused her to be arrested, which made the proprietors procure a commission out of the Court of Admiralty. Notwithstanding which, your officers forbear not to proceed at Plymouth to sell the merchandise belonging to the said vessel. We pray you to send us in writing your answer to the said complaint. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 56 b.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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105. Separate statements made before Thomas Hyde, notary public, by Henry Parkhurst, of Magdalen College, Oxford, and Charles Wheare, of Gloucester Hall, Oxford. Each of them states that in August last, being in company with Peter Allibond, fellow of Lincoln College, and Herbert Boughton, of Balliol College, he heard Mr. Allibond affirm that Mr. Newman, in a speech at the variations at Merton College, accused Mr. Nevill of Pæderastia, and

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it being asked what that was, Mr. Allibond explained that it was unnatural sin. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

105. I. *Similar statement made by Francis Rous, of Gloucester Hall, Oxford, that he was present at the variations above mentioned while Mr. Newman, being dean, as far as deponent was able to understand and conceive, defamed Mr. Nevill in the manner before stated.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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106. The passages of most offence in the book entitled "The Holy Table, name and thing, &c.," licensed by Bishop Williams, of Lincoln, 1637, being those which relate,—1, to the King; 2, to the bishops; 3, to the Church; 4, to the State; or, 5, altogether. [$6\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]

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107. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 266*l.* paid by Richard Brent on behalf of the mayor and others of Coventry, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon co. Warwick by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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108. Account by Sir William Russell of ship money received and outstanding under writs issued in 1636. Total received, 161,469*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*; outstanding, 35,130*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* [1 p.]

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109. Account of ship-money levied under writs of 1636, and remaining in the hands of sheriffs, being 8,099*l.*, making, with the 161,469*l.* paid to Sir William Russell, 169,568*l.* as the total collected, and reducing the amount outstanding to 26,832*l.* [1 p.]

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110. Survey of the fortification in the isle of Scilly, with account of the munition therein and the ordinary establishment. The castle is unable to lodge a garrison of 20 men, and incapable of defence. At its first institution the force assigned to it was 25 men, with 25 more sent from the main land for six months in the year. Since the third year of his present Majesty the force had been a constant garrison of 125 men, who were lodged in several parts of the island. The islands do not contain above 30 persons able to carry arms. The expense of the military establishment was 1,828*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* per annum. [12 pp., of which 4 are blank.]

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See "Papers relating to Appointments in the Navy."

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111. The King to William Earl of Derby, and James Lord Strange, Chamberlain of co. Chester, and to their Vice-Chamberlain and the Judges of the Great Sessions of the said county. There is a cause depending by English bill in our Exchequer at Chester, between Francis Gamull, of Chester, plaintiff, against Edward Russell and other citizens of the said city, defendants, concerning the right of grist and mulcture belonging to Dee mills, which mills are held of us by knight's service *in capite* as of our Crown of England, and for which Gamull has been in ward to us, and has not yet sued his livery. For that our interest is concerned in

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the said suit, it is our pleasure that you, our Justices of Great Sessions, be assisting to our Chamberlain and Vice-Chamberlain at the hearing of the said cause, and that you finally order the same as in justice shall be found meet. [*Draft letter, which is desired from his Majesty.* 1 p.]

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112. Petition of William Felgate, Edmund Beane, Robert Russell, Thomas Frere, and others, provisioners of gunpowder for shipping, to the Lords of the Admiralty. His Majesty having taken into his hand the sale of powder to his subjects at 12*d.* per pound, petitioners took out of his store in one year to the value of near 10,000*l.* His Majesty has lately set the price at 18*d.* per lb., and ordered that none be bought or sold without licence from the Earl of Newport, unto whom petitioners addressed. He referred them to his Secretary, Mr. Barnard, to make their conditions, which were to pay his Majesty 18*d.* per lb., and to Lord Newport 1*d.* per lb., besides petty charges, which rate is so great that petitioners refused to take licences. Pray leave to buy and sell powder at such price as you think fit. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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113. [Sec. Windebank to Sir John Bankes, Attorney-General.] On report of the Lord Privy Seal, the Earl of Dorset and myself (see August 7th 1637, p. 361), concerning the cause of the Pinmakers of London, his Majesty ordered bills to be prepared for severing the pinners from the girdlers, and setting a fit proportion of the girdlers' estate upon the pinners. Desires him on behalf of the pinners to prosecute the said order. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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114. Considerations respecting how to raise up a company to force a trade with the West Indies and Brazil. It was estimated that it would require a capital of 150,000*l.* per annum to be collected for an annual adventure, and to be continued in joint stock for seven years at least. Also that the work would require royal patronage, and the general subscriptions of all the nobility and men of estate in the kingdom. The objects as here set forth were—1. To force and take; 2. To fortify and hold; 3. To plant and manure; and 4. To trade. The King was to be solicited to be an adventurer; the nobility are put down at 10,000*l.* per annum; the city of London at 12,000*l.*; the shires in England at 60,000*l.*; the courts of justice at 8,000*l.*, and so forth. [2 pp.]

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115. Note by Nicholas of public businesses left unperfected in September 1637. Mr. Attorney-General to take examinations of the entertainments of Prynne and Burton in their passages to the places of their imprisonment, and to give account thereof to the Board. The merchant adventurers to give account whether they will do the King's business, if he approve of their choice of a deputy for Rotterdam. The mayors of Newbury and Reading to give account how the money given by Mr. Kendrick, for the good of clothing, is employed. The justices of the peace in Middlesex are to attend about the buildings which lead from Covent Garden to

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the new Exchange, in case the Earl of Bedford does not rectify the passage there. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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116. Fair copy of the preceding, signed by Nicholas. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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117. Notes by Nicholas, headed, apparently as if intended for the direction of his clerks, Concerning the mode of entering the writs for ship-money for this year in the book of shipping, or, as he calls it in the endorsement, "my 4th book." [= $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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118. Draft of the third clause in the letters of instruction as to the levy of ship-money, issued to the several sheriffs, as altered on the present occasion. This clause related to the non-assessment of cottagers and other poor people. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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119. The like of the fifth clause in the same letters. This is the clause relating to the clergy. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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120. The like of the eighth and ninth clauses, which related to the levying of arrears and the expedition to Sallee. [$2\frac{1}{3}$ pp.]

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121. List of all his Majesty's ships, with their measure and burthen, according to a rule from the Council, dated 26th May 1628. This account also gives the numbers of men and guns in each ship, and the year in which each ship was built. It contains 43 ships. [$2\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]

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122. List of all his Majesty's and other ships employed this year and set forth with the ship-money. [$2\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]

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123. Assessment of ship-money for that part of Ravenstone which lies in co. Leicester. Total, 5*l.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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124. Statement of account between Mr. Hill and the adventurers in a work of drainage in Lincolnshire. Mr. Hill made out that, on the 9th August last, there was due to him on the balance of accounts, 163*l.* 13*s.* 4*½d.* On the contrary, some one who examined this account on behalf of the adventurers, made out that he had been overpaid 44*l.* [1 p.]

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125. Account of the half-year's rents due to the manor of Allfarthing [the property of Endymion Porter] at Michaelmas 1637. Total, after deducting an abatement of 3*l.* 10*s.*, 151*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* [1 p.]

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126. Sir John Tonstall to Nicholas. Being to go into Essex next week, and fearing that the saltpetremans of whom he has complained may be called when he is absent, he acquaints Nicholas with the particulars. About a month since, that man applied to him for the key of his dove-house to be digged for saltpetre. Sir John, after some conversation tending to delay, told him that his unwillingness proceeded from the misconduct of a saltpetremans who dug it up about five years before, and played the knave with him, and drove away half his doves. The present applicant said that the saltpetremans whom Sir John called knave was as honest as Sir John, and

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had as good reputation with the Lords, and that if he would not open his gates, he would find a key to open them himself. Sir John endured his insolence with patience, but prayed him to forbear until the doves had done breeding. If the Lords call upon this matter in Sir John's absence, prays that the hearing may be deferred, or that he may receive fitting satisfaction. [1 p.]

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Oct. 1.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

1. Thomas Liddell, mayor, and eight others of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the Council. Certificate of their proceedings in the conservancy of the Tyne from Easter to Michaelmas last past. They present that there is a ballast wharf at South Shields, belonging to Sir Robert Heath, or his assigns, which is fallen down, and ballast washed out of it, to the hurt of the river. [1 p.]

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Hampton Court.

Lords of the Admiralty to Attorney-General Bankes. Sends him a declaration of Samuel Doves, mariner, and Capt. Tokeley, touching an indirect practice of John Birtby, Thomas Boxley, and John Harpur, late paymaster of the Navy, under Sir Sackville Crowe, in paying freight of ships employed in the King's service after 10s. in the pound, praying you to examine all persons who have had a hand in payments of that nature. Birtby and Boxley are in custody of the messenger of the Lord Treasurer, and shall be sent to you for examination. [*Letter ordered to be written on the 30th September, but not dated until this day. Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 55 b. ½ p.*]

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Hampton Court.

The same to Officers of the Navy. The Earl of Northumberland has been employed in the Triumph as Admiral of the late fleet for guard of the Narrow Seas. You are to give warrant to the Treasurer of the Navy to pay him 4*l.* per diem during the time of his employment, the like allowance having been heretofore given to persons of his quality. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 56. ⅓ p.*]

Oct. 1.
Hereford.

2. Roger Vaughan, Sheriff of co. Hereford, to Nicholas. I have taken order with Richard Wootton to pay to Sir William Russell, of ship-money for this county, 420*l.* by the 9th of this month. As much as may be levied of the rest, I will send up with my full accounts within a fortnight or three weeks. With what difficulty this last sum was collected I hold it over-troublesome to relate. I have been willing to do his Majesty my uttermost service, as I hope it will be so conceived. I wrote, two months since, to the mayor of Hereford, certifying him that the arrears of this county were forthwith to be paid to Sir William Russell, their charge being 185*l.*; I have not heard since from him. The borough of Leompster [Leominster] was charged at 44*l.*, which they have paid, all but 1*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

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3. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

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Cranford.

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4. [Sir Thomas Roe to Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia]. By the resentment of his Majesty of the unprincely carriage of the King of Poland, to his ambassador, you will judge of his affection to you ; but if, out of this error, any good may be produced, I conceive your wisdom will be content to reap advantages of evils. The ambassador pretending that his master will make amends to the brother for his fault to the sister, and that he has matter very efficacious to propose for the benefit of the Prince Elector, it is fit to hear him ; and if his overtures be as empty as his wooing, he may at last be rejected with as great a scorn as to be refused to utter more folly. Next Sunday will determine the business. Concerning the Prince Elector's affairs in this Court, I have given him a faithful account, and will only fall upon one point, which is, the prosecution of the treaty ; for the delay whereof, being now wholly cast upon a backwardness of the States, I extremely wonder that they will not apprehend the greatest occasion that ever will be offered to enter into a league which will accommodate all their sea affairs, and engage us with them against the common enemy. Upon this treaty many other resolutions depend ; as that of the West Indies, which must make a breach with Spain ; that of staying the Swedes from an enforced peace ; and, in effect, the whole fortunes of your son. I am afraid that state is envious, and has ambition to reserve all America for themselves, being swelled with Brazil, and despise us too much, which will turn to their ruin. You may speak freely to the Prince of Orange, that deputies may be named on whose wisdom there is some hope, if he also be not fallen into the gulf of despair that no good can come from the land of Galilee, and to write earnestly to his Majesty to take on him the first place, to be sought unto as the sanctuary of the oppressed. If this be not suddenly done, a hard winter will freeze all our warmth, and the Swedes will take their advantage. This week I wrote to the Chancellor Oxenstiern. It is he only that desires to continue the war, that his activity and experience may appear necessary to rule the whole state ; and whatsoever another faction works for peace, I know they make preparations for war, for they have ordered 24,000 tons of victuals from Sweden and 30,000 from Liefland [Livonia], and munition to maintain the sea towns, and so to retire to a defensive war, and wait their best conditions. While they are unreconciled, there is life. If they once make peace, which they will do before spring if the league proceed not roundly, it will be hard to revive a dead coal. They have lately resolved to keep a standing army of 18,000 foot of their own subjects, eight regiments of strangers mixed in their conquered lands, and as many of horse, to increase their navy yearly, and to build a kind of galley, or *stronsse*, as they call it, which carries two guns only in the chase, and with these to keep the coasts ; all which resolutions may be drawn farther if they see a just concurrence. But changing designs proposed makes wise men judge that they are arts of delay ; and Mr. Avery will never finish this treaty. With some other contemplations I have troubled the Prince Elector, the sum whereof is that he must do somewhat to be seen in Germany. It is his own

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spirit that must raise him both reputation and followers. [*Copy.* 1½ p.]

Oct. 2.

5. Statement of the distribution of ships to the several shires of England and Wales, with their tonnage, number of men and charge, together with the sums set on the corporate towns of each county, according to the Lords' letters dated this day. [16 pp., of which 6 are blank.]

Oct. 2.

6. Memoranda by Nicholas, apparently designed to be used in the preparation of the preceding. [2 pp.]

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7. Another similar paper. [2½ pp.]

Oct. 2.

8. The Council to [Edward Broomfield], Lord Mayor of London. Letter of instructions, setting forth the reasons which had induced the King to issue the present writs for ship-money, and directing the Lord Mayor as to the course to be pursued by him in the assessment and levy of 14,000*l.*, being the sum required to furnish the ships demanded. There is, as in previous similar letters, the clause directing that the clergy should be treated with due respect; and it is prescribed, that if any persons be found refractory, the Lord Mayor is, without delay, or respect of persons, to proceed roundly with them, and not to defer meddling with them to the last, as was done by some sheriffs of counties last year, whereby all the trouble was cast on the end of the year, and those that were refractory gained time above those that were well affected. It is added that his Majesty last spring sent to Sallee a fleet, over and besides the fleet employed in the Narrow Seas, which has this summer not only kept in from sea those enemies to Christianity, but has been a means to redeem some of his Majesty's subjects; and there being fresh supply sent thither about the end of the summer, the Admiral gives good hope that he shall be able to free all the rest of his Majesty's subjects that are in thralldom in those parts. Howsoever, his Majesty is resolved not to give over his care so to provide against those Turks as will free the coasts from them. [*Copy.* 5 pp.]

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9. The same to the Mayor of Bristol. Similar letter for assessment and levy of 800*l.* [*Copy.* 4¾ pp.]

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10. The same to the Sheriff of co. Buckingham. The like for assessment and levy of 4,500*l.*, but differing in such particulars as were applicable to a county and not to a city. Great stress was laid upon the care with which the sheriff was to see that no person was assessed that received alms of a parish, nor any cottagers, unless they were known to have estates in money or goods, or other means to live by over and above what they got by their daily labour; and where such persons were found to be taxed, the sheriff was to take off what was set upon them, and lay it upon those that were better able to bear it. The sheriff was to have a more than ordinary regard to this point to prevent complaints of inequality in the assessments, wherewith the Council were much troubled last year. There was

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also a special clause exempting the provost and fellows of Eton College in respect of those allowances which they receive out of the possessions of the college, such possessions being taxed elsewhere. [*Copy.* 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]

- Oct. 2. 11. The Council to the Sheriff of co. Cambridge. Similar letter for the assessment and levy of 3,500*l.*, with a special clause exempting the heads of colleges and halls, and also fellows and scholars, from taxation in respect of such part of their incomes as were received out of possessions of the colleges. [*Copy, with note endorsed as to the contents of the letter addressed to the sheriff of co. Durham.* 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]
- Oct. 2. 12. The same to Francis Earl of Cumberland, Sheriff of Westmoreland. Similar letter (without the special clause) for the assessment and levy of 700*l.*, part of 1,400*l.* directed to be levied upon cos. Westmoreland and Cumberland. [*Copy.* 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]
- Oct. 2. 13. The same to the Sheriff of Cumberland. Similar letter for the assessment and levy of 700*l.*, remainder of the 1,400*l.* above mentioned to be directed to be levied upon cos. Cumberland and Westmoreland. [*Copy.* 8 pp.]
- Oct. 2. 14. The same to the Sheriff of Northumberland. Draft similar letter, *mutatis mutandis*, but imperfect, and not finally settled, the sum having been inserted from a letter of a previous year. [2 pp.]
- Oct. 2. 15. The same to the Sheriff of co. Anglesea. Similar letter as to one of the counties of North Wales, which had been directed to provide a ship of 400 tons, at an expense of 4,000*l.*, and of which sum the county of Anglesea was to raise 448*l.* [*Draft.* 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]
- Oct. 2. 16. The same to the Sheriff of co. Denbigh. Similar letter. As one of the counties of North Wales, Denbigh was to raise 1,122*l.* of the 4,000*l.* above mentioned. [*Draft.* 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ pp.]
- Oct. 2. 17. The same to the Sheriff of co. Merioneth. Draft similar letter as to one of the counties in North Wales, but not finally settled, the sums inserted being inaccurate. [6 $\frac{1}{4}$ pp.]
- Oct. 2. 18. The same to the Sheriff of co. Carmarthen. Similar letter as to the assessment and levy of 790*l.*, part of 5,000*l.* charged upon the counties of South Wales. [*Draft.* 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]
- Oct. 2. 19. Notes respecting the contents and directions of several of the letters to the sheriffs issued on the present occasion. [2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]
- Oct. 3. 20. Deputy Lieutenants of co. Stafford to the Council. Report a
Stafford. muster of the horse and foot companies of that county, and enclose names of three of the former who made default. They have a ton weight of lead lying ready at Stafford, and they have given order to Thomas Davenport of that town to furnish their magazine with a

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competency of powder. Entreat that he may have leave to buy the same of the officers of the Tower. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.] *Enclosed,*

20. I. *Names of defaulters above alluded to. They are Sir Richard Shilton, Sir Humphrey Styles, for land which he holds by marriage with Lady Boswell's daughter, and Mrs. Lougher, late wife of John Lougher.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Oct. 3.
Chatham.

21. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. At my return from Portsmouth, Sir William Russell delivered me a chiding letter from the Lords about the certificate we made in behalf of the purser of the Victory. I have at this time likewise a punctual information by the purser of the Providence against his captain for selling away the King's provisions. For that which concerns our office, I hope we shall be better able to call this man's fault in question (being a seaman) than we can Capt. Stewart, who is countenanced far beyond us; yet for his purser we intend to return him a debtor to the King, which I conceive will ruin his poor fortune. Sir William delivered me also your letter, and Capt Carteret's, touching 30 men kept short in the Hercules, wherein the Lords' command shall be observed before the ship's account be cleared. The Antelope's company and the Convertive will be paid to-morrow; the Swan frigate and the extraordinary men reserved to clear the ships, this day. I was at Woolwich on Saturday, and gave order to despatch away the Greyhound, which Capt. Pett promised to see done suddenly. I sent him the Earl of Northumberland's direction touching her. I have the account of the remains returned in the ships last year ready for you. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Oct. 3.

22. Order of the Common Council of the City of London, according to an act of common council made 21st July [1631], in the mayoralty of Sir Robert Ducie, touching bringing of commodities to Blackwell Hall and Leaden Hall. By the present order, the Court appointed Adrian Evans, Robert Meade, and James Cabell, of London, merchants, and Francis Bickley, Daniel Hollingworth, and Francis Peck, drapers, to inquire of offences against the said act, and to present the same to that court, or cause a legal course to be taken for the punishment of offenders. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Oct. 4.

23. Petition of George Kirke and Andrew Pitcairn, his Majesty's servants, to the King. Petitioners have discovered several gross abuses in goldsmiths, by vending goldsmiths' ware, both gold and silver, most wrongfully alloyed, whereof they have proofs lately taken by an assayer in the Tower; and also counterfeit stones are daily sold, contrary to the late proclamation. Pray order for preventing the same, and in regard petitioners have not only discovered these abuses, but at their great charge have bought parcels of gold and silver and brought them to the assayer, their suit is that your Majesty would give them seven parts of twelve of all fines, and prohibit all others for two years to intermeddle with the same *Underwritten,*

23. I. *Minute that his Majesty grants these his ancient servants, for their pains in discovering the abuses of goldsmiths,*

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seven parts of twelve of all profits that shall arise to him, and refers it to the Attorney-General to take order accordingly. [1 p.]

[Oct. 4.]

Funeral certificate by William Ryley, Bluemantle, of John Holles, Earl of Clare and Lord Haughton, who died at Nottingham this day, and lies buried in St Mary's church, in that town. He married Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Stanhope, of Shelford, co. Nottingham, by whom he had issue six sons—John Lord Haughton, now Earl of Clare, Denzell, Francis, Charles, William, and Charles; and three daughters—Eleanor, now living, Arabella, married to Thomas Viscount Wentworth, and Elizabeth, who died young. The now Earl married Elizabeth Vere, eldest daughter and coheir of Horace Lord Vere, Baron of Tilbury, and has issue Gilbert Lord Haughton, aged five years, and six daughters, Anne, Elizabeth, Arabella, Mary, Eleanor, and Katherine, all living. [*See Vol. ccclx, p. 1. 1½ p.*]

Oct. 5.
Bridgewater.

24. Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells, and seventeen other Justices of the Peace for Somerset, to the Council. According to your letters for settling an equal rate for this county towards public services, we have at this sessions resolved that the rates shall be amended; but in regard of the difficulty of the work, and because this county in the winter season is most inconvenient for travel, and that there may be reason to have conference with the greatest part of the gentry, we crave your favour, that it be deferred till the county may with more conveniency meet. In the meantime we shall inform ourselves, that we may come better prepared. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

Oct. 5.
Bradgate.

25. Henry Earl of Stamford to Sec. Coke. At this last Quarter Sessions at Leicester there was brought before the bench a business so unnatural, that one brother should accuse another of high treason. We immediately left the common business to take the information, which with the examinations is sent enclosed. There have been many unkind suits in that family, and, if the writer be rightly informed, William Whalley is much led away by the ill advice of one Bent, and one White, a minister whose conditions are known in the High Commission, as Bent's are in the Star Chamber. The writer is also informed by Sir John Bale, a near neighbour to Sec. Coke's kinsmen, that this is not the first time William Whalley has attempted to lay foul accusations against his brother. [*Seal with crest. 1¾ p.*] *Enclosed,*

25. I. *Justices of Peace of co. Leicester to Sec. Coke. William Whalley, of Norton juxta Galby, has informed us of disloyal and scandalous words spoken by Ralph Whalley, his elder brother. We present his information and examinations, and have bound both the brothers to appear at the next assizes or before the Council when called upon. [¾ p.] Enclosed,*

25. I. i. *Information of William Whalley. On Monday, 17th September last, being at home, in his own house at*

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Norton, speaking of the enclosures of Galby, he told Mary Busby that he had got an injunction for enjoying thereof, with a commission of peace and proclamation of rebellion, and Mary Busby thereupon told examinant that Ralph Whalley, of Norton aforesaid, hearing that examinant was going up to London to procure an injunction, used these speeches, viz., that if the examinant had procured an injunction, or could procure one to keep him, the said Ralph, from enjoying his own lands, that then the King was a dishonest man, and the Lord Keeper a knave, which accusation Melicent Pleydell confirmed in the presence of Mary Busby, whereupon examinant told them to take care what they said, for they would be called to an account by the justices, and they replied that they would affirm the same wheresoever they should be called. 3rd October 1637. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

25. I. ii. Information of Mary Busby, of Norton aforesaid. She never heard her uncle, Ralph Whalley, speak any word of any injunction; but about a month last past, speaking of John White, vicar of Norton, he used these words, that if there were no law to be had, then the Lord Keeper was a knave, and the King a dishonest man; and that he used many other "ifs," but what they were she remembers not. 3rd October 1637. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

25. I. iii. Information of Melicent Pleydell, of Norton aforesaid. Never heard her uncle, Ralph Whalley, use any words against the King or the Lord Keeper, neither did she repeat any words to her [sic] brother William Whalley, but William Whalley in a jesting way said she might be called to answer what words she had heard. 3rd October 1637. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

25. I. iv. Examination of Ralph Whalley, in which he altogether denied the alleged words, and said that he was much amazed at a relation made to him by Alice Widmerpool, who told him it was reported that he had spoken dangerous words, and that William Whalley said to her, that if he would put to compromise the suits between them, the said words should be no further spoken of. And further, the said Alice told him that Mr. Bent, late Feodary of co. Leicester, advised him to go to London, and be there before Thursday night, to work his peace by Sec. Coke, or else examinant was utterly ruinate. 3rd October 1637. [1 p.]

25. I. v. Information of Alice Widmerpool, of Frisby, near Galby. On Sunday last was three weeks, being at the house of William Whalley, he told her that Ralph

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Whalley had spoken dangerous words, saying they were treason. She said, God forbid he should speak any such words, and wished there were peace between them. William Whalley said if Ralph would be at peace the words should be buried, but if not he would reveal the same. Further, that William Bent, late Feodary of co. Leicester, said that if Ralph Whalley were faulty in speaking any dangerous words, it were his best course to repair to London to Sec. Coke to use his help to make his peace. Examinant acquainting Ralph Whalley therewith, he affirmed he would take the Sacrament he never spoke any dangerous words, and would not stir a foot. 4th October 1637. [1 p.]

25 I. vi. Examination of William Bent, of Billesdon, co. Leicester. On Saturday last, or Friday before, Alice Widmerpool came to examinant's house, and there was speech that Ralph Whalley was likely to come to trouble about some dangerous words; whereupon examinant said if there were any such matter Ralph Whalley would do well to ride to London, and acquaint Sec. Coke therewith, that was his kinsman. 4th October 1637. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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London.

26. Capt. George Carteret to Nicholas. When I came out of Cadiz Road, Mr. Brissenden complained to me that his captain suffered the provision of their ship to be embezzled, whereupon I sent for his captain, who could not deny but that his men lying in the hold of the ship, a thing not usual in the King's ships, they had found divers of their beer casks empty; and that likewise he had sold provisions to some English ships at Cadiz, but that he would make it good when he came into England. Brissenden also complained that his captain had beaten him, and had caused his cabin to be pulled down, whereof his captain could give no reason but choler, and that he was sorry for it. Brissenden justified other things before me. I could not find that he was in any fault, but that he had had a great deal of injury done him by the captain and master of the ship. [1 p.]

Oct. 5.
Burderop.

27. Sir William Calley to Richard Harvey, London. Letter about private and domestic matters. Sorrow to hear of the weakness of Capt. Porter, and that Endymion Porter had laboured under a fever, which had hindered him and Mrs. Porter from visiting Burderop. Should be glad to hear some likelihood of receiving Titchborne's debt, and gives advice on inquiries to be made respecting the same of the under-sheriff of Hants, when he comes to London. [1 p.]

Oct. 5.

28. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 300*l.* paid by John Sampson on behalf of Sir George Sandys, sheriff of Kent, in part of 8,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Oct. 6.

Petition of Theophilus Earl of Suffolk to the King. By his office of Constable of the Castle of Dover and Warden of the Cinque Ports he has the government of the castles built in or between the Cinque Ports. Cheiney Eborne, a soldier in Sandgate Castle, not only absented himself from his service and disobeyed petitioner's command, but refused to answer a suit commenced against him before petitioner. Petitioner thereupon sent special warrant for Eborne's apprehension, who being brought before petitioner's lieutenant, upon refusal to submit himself, was committed to Dover Castle, where he still remains. Eborne, to avoid his deserved punishment, has sued forth several writs *de homine replegiando* to remove his body out of petitioner's command; and petitioner is informed by his counsel that the ordinances made by Henry VIII. for the government of the said castles, however expedient and necessary and approved by long experience, were made rather by his prerogative royal than according to the common law, and it is doubtful whether the same be a sufficient warrant to petitioner for punishing the said offender, to be insisted on before your Majesty's justices of the bench, where the cause is now in question. The taking away the power of calling in the garrison soldiers upon their service in the said castles from petitioner and his successors will be the subversion of the strength of that part of your kingdom; whereupon petitioner prays directions both for maintaining the prerogative and for government of the castles. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 177. 1½ p.] Underwritten,

I. Minute of the King's pleasure that the Lord Keeper, the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and all other judges are to stay proceedings till his pleasure be further known, his Majesty intending to hear this business in person. Whitehall, 6th October 1637. Copy. Ibid., p. 177. ¼ p.]

Oct. 6.

London.

29. Edward Bromfield, Lord Mayor of London, to the Council. Certificate under order made on the petition of some of the yeomen warders of the Tower. (See Vol. ccclxviii., No. 76.) Those warders who are the chief complainants dwell and keep open shops within the city. They, as other inhabitants, were required to find watch and ward, or to contribute to that charge. Upon their refusal, I proceeded against them, and the rather for that the Lords signified their pleasure by letters of the last November 1630, and others for keeping strong watches for the safety of the city, without exempting any persons whatsoever. [1 p.]

Oct. 6.

The Swiftsure,
in the Downs.

30. Sir John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. I have sent in the Unicorn, and the William, of the merchant ships. The Margaret is not yet returned from the westward. The Greyhound pinnace came down hither last night. The greatest part of our victuals is come to us; but I hear nothing of the beer that should come to the Providence and the Expedition. I received a letter from one Reynolds that dwells at Dunkirk, who gave me notice that

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their frigates have brought in thither three of my Lord Chamberlain's busses, and that they have stripped and pillaged all the men and clapt them in prison. Admiral Van Dorp is gone into Holland with all his fleet, to re-victual; the Dunkirk fleet are daily expected from the Groyne with men and treasure. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Oct. 6. 31. Report of Sir Robert Pye and Sir Edward Wardour upon certain exceptions of Michael Cole to a previous certificate, given by them principally with reference to a claim of Cole for repayment out of the Exchequer of a sum of 1,000*l.*, advanced by him in 1617, in order that 1,000*l.* might be paid to Lord D'Aubigny. Cole was, at the time of the advance, clerk or deputy to Sir Thomas Watson, now deceased, but then one of the Tellers of the Exchequer, and the principal question was whether the amount should be repaid by the Exchequer or by the executors of Sir Thomas Watson. [*Copy unsigned.* 2 pp.] *Annexed,*

31. I. *Copy of a previous certificate of Sir Robert Pye and Sir Edward Wardour, made in relation to the same subject on the 27th October 1635.* [2 pp.]

31. II. *Copy of the like, made on 5th February 1635-6.* [1½ p.]

Oct. 6. 32. Dr. Arthur Duck to Nicholas. The name of the father of the
Doctors' seventh son, in Somersetshire, is William Gilbert *alias* Yeaton, of
Commons. Prestly [Priestleigh], in Doultling, husbandman. The name of his seventh son is Richard Gilbert *alias* Yeaton, about five years old. I have received particulars in this business which are somewhat remarkable, and with which I will acquaint my Lord of Canterbury. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Oct. 6. 33. Jerome Harvey to his cousin, Richard Harvey, at Mr. Porter's
Hounstert lodging at the Court, or his house in the Strand. Desires to know
[Houndstreet?] how it is with him on his late change of life and place, and entreats him to give assistance in the hearing of his cousin Luttrell's cause in Chancery, which is an honest suit; and Luttrell owes the writer 218*l.*, with six years' interest. [½ p.]

Oct. 7. 34. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 14*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* paid by Howard Strachey on behalf of Sir John Heydon, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money of Middlesex, collected in the precinct of the Trinity Minorites [Minories]. [¾ p.]

Oct. 7. 35. Sir William Russell to Nicholas. Entreats him to deliver to
Deptford. the Lord Treasurer an enclosed account of ship-money, which is very considerable, to be debated by the Lords, for there is no money to pay the merchant ships returned into the river. Sends also a letter from Sir Humphrey Mildmay, to be answered. Is not yet able to go abroad. [¾ p.]

Oct. 7. 36. Account rendered by Sir William Russell of ship-money, under the writs of 1636, received and outstanding. Total of the former, 166,399*l.* 10*s.*; of the latter, 30,214*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* [1 p.]

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37. Account of ship-money levied and remaining in the hands of the sheriffs, which makes the total amount received 171,398*l.*; uncollected, 25,002*l.* [1 p.]

Oct. 7.

38. Officers of the Trinity House to the Lords of the Admiralty. According to your letter, we repaired to David Davison, of Wapping, ropemaker, and there, with two ropemakers, Thomas Bartram and William Blackburne, surveyed the ropes and cables for Ireland. We find no default, falsity, or deceit in any of them, nor could we buy the like under 27*s.* per cwt., money. Enclose the particular sizes. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Enclosed,*

38. I. *Account of cables and other ropes for the Swallow and the Ninth Whelp, according to agreement.* [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Oct. 7.

39. William Newman to his brother Richard Newman, of Merton College, Oxford. Can depose the following things from Mr. Nevill's own mouth. Hearing of your heavy censure he said that had it been in his power he would not have had it so severe; and that if the archbishop determined anything hard against you, he would be a petitioner for your remission. Besides other things here stated, he said also that you were not the man meant nor aimed at, and that two, whose names he showed me, were bound in 100*l.* to prosecute against you. [*Endorsed by Archbishop Laud, "The witness on Mr. Newman's part."* 1 p.]

Oct. 7.

40. Account, made out by George Bingley, auditor, of Philip Burlamachi's receipts and payments, in reference to the second moiety of the Queen's portion, payable in France. There was owing to Burlamachi on this account, 11,610*l.* 10*s.* 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*, which had been allowed him on his general account. [3 pp.]

Oct. 8.

Hampton Court.

Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. The drink aboard the Providence and the Expedition is beverage made of cider, which Sir John Pennington desires may be changed. If it may be changed, without considerable charge, you are to give warrant for it. Sir John further advertises that the Greyhound pinnace is not yet come to him. We pray you inquire what is the cause, and hasten her. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 57.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Oct. 8.

London.

41. Statement, in Italian, of a determination come to by the King, with reference to the troubles in Scotland. The opinion of the Archbishop of Canterbury had prevailed even against his inclination. The King had resolved that all the ceremonies newly brought into the Church should be punctually observed in that kingdom. This troubles the puritans, who expect the Scotch will begin to stir new broils. The Court expects the issue with curiosity, many being of opinion that the Scots will not easily submit. The Queen-mother has sent hither her secretary, Monsigot, to get leave to come herself, but without effect as yet. He has negotiated secretly with the King about an alliance (as is believed) with the house of Austria. [1 p.]

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42. Translation of the preceding article into English, in the handwriting of G. R. Weckherlin. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Pembroke.

43. Sir John Stepney, Sheriff of co. Pembroke, to Nicholas. Recites previous letter, by which he promised that the remainder of the ship-money for that county should be paid in this Michaelmas term. He is to pass his account as sheriff on the 21st inst., so that he cannot bring up the residue of the ship-money until near the end of the month. If any messengers are sent for sheriffs who have not paid, prays that his name may be struck out of the schedule, and the bearer, his kinsman, will give Nicholas full satisfaction. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Oct. 8.

Woolwich.

44. Philip Ward to the same. Our ship is launched and brought safe to her moorings. Entreats Nicholas to be zealous in the writer's business concerning keeping the cabin; the threatenings of Mr. Cooke somewhat terrify him, but he hopes his friends will defend him. Would he could prevail with Sec. Windebank to put his Majesty in mind that he has disposed of it. Conceives it will not be long before he will come to see the ship, and then Mr. Cooke will deliver a petition on his own behalf. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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45. List of papers of the Council delivered over upon a change in the clerk attendant. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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The Hague.

46. Particular of jewels redeemed and brought out of Holland by Job Harby, bound for England in the William, Capt. Lindsey, riding at Hellevoetsluis. Among them are jewels called the constable's cuff; a picture box garnished with diamonds, on the one side a burning heart, and on the other the letter F.; the three brethren, in the form of a flower; and several long ropes of pearl, and many pearls for buttons.

Oct. 9.

Manor of York.

47. Sir Edward Osborne and others of the Council of the North to the Council. State various endeavours to carry out directions of the Council to apportion upon Cumberland, Westmoreland, and the North Riding of co. York 650*l.*, being half of 1,300*l.* charged for carriage of timber within the bishopric of Durham, the other half being agreed to be borne by cos. Northumberland and Durham. The justices of peace for Cumberland, and those for the East and West Wards of Westmoreland, had submitted to be rated; but those for the Kendal and Kirkby Lonsdale Wards of Westmoreland had not attended; and those for the North Riding refused to bear any part of the charge, referring to letters lately written by them in that behalf. (*See Vol. ccclxv., No. 7.*) Pray further directions. P.S.—One of the justices of peace for Westmoreland has since appeared and submitted on behalf of Kendal and Kirkby Lonsdale. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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48. Minute of a proposal for lease for seven years of the great farm of the customs, the impost of tobacco, and the composition of the ports of London and Dover, to commence at Christmas 1638; and for the like term in the petty farms, to commence at Lady Day 1639, at an

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increase of rent for the whole of 30,000*l.* per annum, such 30,000*l.* to be paid by anticipation. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Oct. 9. 49. Officers of the Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. Concerning Mincing Lane. the beverage returned in the Providence and the Expedition, in way of taking it off, it is not in these parts of any value at all; the cider may turn to account to be exchanged for beer. The Victualler imputes it as an improvidence that they expended their beer in those hot parts for which the beverage was designed. The Greyhound sailed from Woolwich eight days ago, and we wonder at the master's negligence in not being arrived in the Downs. [1 p.]

Oct. 9. 50. Certificate of Henry Jacob, that at the variation in Merton College he heard Richard Newman, one of the college deans, insinuate uncleanness against Richard Nevill. [*Authenticated by Thomas Hyde, notary public, on the 1st inst., and used this day at the hearing before Archbishop Laud.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

Oct. 10. Petition of Henry Wentworth, the King's servant, to the King. In the Court of Common Pleas, various writs are signed by the clerks; but writs of *capias*, and other writs before judgment, are not signed. Petitioner asserts the inconveniences and abuses that result from non-signing, and prays the King to constitute an office for signing all writs not heretofore signed, and to grant the same to petitioner for 31 years, he paying the King 100*l.* per annum, and taking 2*d.* for every writ signed. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 172.* 1 p.] *Underwritten,*

1. *Reference to the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, to advise with the rest of the judges of that Court, and to certify. Hampton Court, 10th October 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 173.]*

Oct. 10. 51. Justices of Peace for Essex to the Council. Report the state of contributions to the repair of St. Paul's. No moneys unpaid, and all sums received paid into the Chamber of London. Have written to every parish in the county for further contributions, but cannot make a return so soon as the Lords have required. Colchester being a liberty, has refused to join with the country in this contribution, without special directions to the Magistrates, by which means they have escaped the two former collections. [1 p.]

Oct. 10. 52. William Scudamore, late Sheriff of co. Hereford, to Nicholas. On my discharge from the sheriffwick, as commanded, I delivered to Mr. Wigmore, my successor, the writ, directions, and accounts, with a memorial of the money in arrear, and he was required to finish the service. But he did not do so, whereupon a writ was directed to us both to certify the names of those in arrear. He did not make any return to the same, but has lately levied some arrears. The now sheriff has sent me a warrant for levying the arrears, but I

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conceive none can so well finish the work as Mr. Wigmore, who only knows who are in arrear. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

52. I. *Account of the arrears as they stood when Scudamore left the service to his successor. Arrears at that time, 174l. 9s. 0½d. [¾ p.]*

Oct. 10. 53. Abstract of moneys required by the shipwrights for repair of the hulls, masts, and yards of his Majesty's ships. Total, 8,258l. [1 p.]

Oct. 10. 54. Copy of Cap. 15 of the Statutes of Merton College, whereby it is provided that in case of dissension among the fellows, it shall be quieted by the college authorities, and that if any one rebel against their authority, he should be expelled. [½ p.] *Under-written,*

54. I. *Sir Nathaniel Brent, warden of Merton College, to Archbishop Laud. Sends the above, by which it appears that the petitioner has incurred the penalty of expulsion. He is the first that ever dared to offend in this kind and wrong his governor as he has done. Prays the archbishop to proceed with this injurious petitioner, or leave him to the writer. 10th October 1637. [Endorsed by Archbishop Laud as delivered to him after the hearing on 9th October, and "sent me thus unsealed." ½ p.]*

Oct. 11. 55. Petition of Philip Roper and other Roman Catholics to the King. Having understood that you are pleased to be informed of the unlawful practices of Francis Newton, a pursuivant, and in particular of his offering to discharge Mr. Morse for moneys, after he had arrested him for a priest, we conceive we are bound to present to you the annexed certificate of John Cooke, employed with Newton to attach Morse. And because the misdemeanours of Newton and other pursuivants in oppressing your subjects by colour of their employment may the better appear, we present the particular facts out of many others, being justified by the certificates annexed. There follow brief statements of the cases of [Thomas] Jennings, a protestant, and a married man, sworn to be a priest by one Elizabeth, hired for that purpose for 5s. Also of Francis Smith and Bartholomew Fromond, of Drew Lovett, of Mr. Reynold, and of Elizabeth Ratcliffe; all which cases have been before mentioned in the calendar of previous papers, and especially in that of Vol. cccxvii., No. 36, and Vol. cccl., No. 75. Prays reference to Lord Chief Justice Bramston and Mr. Justice Berkeley, that upon proof the culprits may be proceeded against. [¾ p.] *Annexed,*

55. I. *Affidavit of John Cooke, who having at that time been assistant to Francis Newton, the pursuivant, in the arrest of Henry Morse, states minutely their dealing with him, and taking 5l. from him for his discharge. Cooke adds that the facts here testified are true, although denied on a former examination, such denial having proceeded from*

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fear, he conceiving that the manifesting of them would prove prejudicial and very dangerous to him as Newton's man. Sworn 10th October 1637. [1½ p.]

55. II. *Affidavit of John Cooke as to Newton's treatment of one Waldegrave, a priest, from whom Newton procured 10l. for his discharge. Sworn 10th October 1637. [½ p.] Underwritten,*

55. II. i. *Another affidavit of John Cooke respecting Mr. Reynolds, from whom Newton secretly took a watch, which was pawned for 20s. Sworn 10th October 1637. [½ p.]*

55. III. *Affidavit of James Wadsworth as to the treatment of Francis Smith and Bartholomew Fromond. Sworn 11th October 1637. [¾ p.]*

Oct. 11. 56. Order of Council made upon reading a certificate of Lord Chief Baron Davenport and Mr. Justice Jones, dated at the Assizes at Reading on the 10th July last, as to the proper proportion of the rates upon the hundred of Cookham, Berks, which should be borne by the parish of Sunninghill. After reciting the several orders of sessions previously made on that subject, the said judges certified that Sunninghill should bear a sixth part of the said rates. The Lords confirmed the said certificate, and required all persons to conform themselves thereto. [½ p.] *Written above the said order,*

56. I. *The certificate of the judges above mentioned. [2¼ pp.]*

Oct. 11. 57. List of cases specially appointed to be heard in the Star Chamber this day. They were the Earl of Marlborough *versus* Thomas Bennett, and the Attorney-General *versus* Thomas Lunsford the elder, and Thomas Lunsford the younger. [½ p.]

Oct. 11. 58. Notes taken by Sec. Windebank upon the hearing of the above causes. In the first of them, Bennett, being dissatisfied with a rate set upon him for the poor, and reproved by the Earl for coming upon his land to take partridges, said publicly to the Earl that he would come in spite of him, and that he was as good a gentleman as he was, for the Bennetts were as good as the Leys; and taxed the Earl with baseness and base dealing. Sentence, 1,000l. fine to the King, and 1,000l. damages to the Earl; Bennett to acknowledge his fault before the justices of the peace, and to ask the Earl's forgiveness; also Bennett's scandalous answer to be taken off the file, with certain scandalous depositions concerning drinking. In the second case, Thomas Lunsford the younger, and Maurice Lewis, made an attack upon Sir Thomas Pelham, on a Sunday in August 1633, as he, his wife, and various other persons were returning in Sir Thomas's coach from church. The assailants rushed out of a copse upon them, and attacked them with swords and pistols. Sentence, Lunsford the younger, and Lewis, 5,000l. apiece to the King, and 3,000l. damages to Sir Thomas Pelham; Lunsford the elder to be sent for by a sergeant-at-arms. [= 2¾ pp.]

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- Oct. 11. 59. Notes upon the state of repair and wants needed to be supplied in the church of Newport [Pagnel, co. Buckingham?] Various windows in the church daubed up. The register-book imperfect, therefore to be certified what years are wanting. Another surplice to be provided, and the surplice which they have to be made up close before. [*This is a similar note to the collection already calendared, Vol. ccclxvi., No. 79. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]
- Oct. 11. 60. Kenrick Edisbury to Sir Charles Howard, at his lodging at Mincing Lane. Mr. Hore's house at the sign of "the hartichock," an apothecary's shop in the Old Bailey. I received the enclosed from Mr. Newman yesterday. I am glad of your mutual consent. The gentleman is honest and of very good conversation, and of hereditary estate about Canterbury, at least 600*l.* a year. You will have no disreputation to recommend him to any place of trust. He went down to Kent this morning tide. [*Seal with arms. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]
- Oct. 12. 61. Dr. Thomas Byrd to Dr. Thomas Rives, the King's Advocate. Coventry. I have been much importuned to write to you in the behalf of Robinson, which if I do, to please some persons, I desire you not to regard it. There is not a more notorious schismatic living; he is rich and able, let him therefore smart. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- Oct. 13. 62. Safe conduct under the King's hand and seal for George Porter, Hampton Court. gentleman, about to travel into France, Spain, and other parts beyond seas. [*Seal removed. 12 lines on parchment.*]
- Oct. $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{8}$. 63. Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia to Archbishop Laud. I have The Hague. written a long letter to you by Mr. O'Brien, but the wind being so contrary, I thought it best not to forbear to write this also. Sir Richard Cave will acquaint you how my son is desirous to take the Landgrave's troops to his service, and we have besought the King to bestow something on him towards the maintenance of those men. Both himself and his best friends here think he cannot have a better means to put him in action, therefore I earnestly entreat your assistance. [*Seals with arms. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]
- Oct. 13. 64. Sec. Coke to Sir John Pennington. The French Ambassador Hampton Court. who is to come from France to reside here, is to be brought over in one of his Majesty's ships. You are to take order accordingly for sending over a vessel to Dieppe. He will be ready to embark on the 18th inst. P.S.—He is a man of special note, and brings with him his lady and four score persons. There be two or three French gentlemen desire to go over in the ship you send to Dieppe, recommended by the Queen. [*Seal with arms. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]
- Oct. 13. 65. Sec. Windebank to Colonel George Goring. Visits and letters from friends in times of indisposition are works of affection rather than judgment, therefore he has forborne on Goring's late disaster, but now that danger is past he congratulates him. Is commanded by Lord Goring, Goring's father, to communicate with him concerning an advice in one of his letters of some disrespect put by the

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Prince of Orange upon the English and Scotch nation, they of all nations in the world having merited most of him and the States, who owe what they are entirely to those of this island, their state being cemented together with their blood. This has been represented by the writer to his Majesty, who is very tender of the honour of both nations, and has commanded the writer to assure Goring that his interposition shall not be wanting in any course he shall advise for reparation, to which the writer will be pleased to contribute. [*Draft.* 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Oct. 13. 66. List of causes to be heard in the Star Chamber. Thomas Kilborne *versus* Gervase Payne, John Guildsborough, and John Laverock; Henry Cary and John Arundel *versus* Emanuel Langford and others; the Attorney-General *versus* Vincent de la Barre, Francis Palmes and others; the same *versus* George Harwood. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Oct. 13. 67. Notes taken by Sec. Windebank on the hearing of the first of the causes above mentioned. John Turpin, town clerk of Huntingdon, made a *capias* for the apprehension of Laverock; Kilborne arrested him thereon; but he was rescued by the other defendants, who assaulted Kilborne, and Payne wounded him grievously with a sword. Payne and Laverock were fined 1,000*l.* apiece to the King, and 500*l.* damages, and to be bound to their good behaviour. Notes also of the second cause, which was for counterfeiting deeds, Langford was fined 1,500*l.*, and sentenced to stand in the pillory at the assizes. Also of the third cause, which was part heard this day, and sentenced on the 18th inst. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]

Oct. 13. 68. Certificate of Sir William Uvedale and others, Justices of Peace for Hants, upon a reference from the Lords of the Admiralty, touching the carriage of 1,000 loads of timber by Robert Rigge, and the payment of the King's price for that service. After examination of Rigge and James Robins, and upon view of the quay at Fareham, they find that the carriage is performed as near the King's yard as is possible, the bridge being broken down, which they do not find ought to be repaired by Rigge; they, therefore, conceive it reasonable that Rigge should have the King's price. [1 p.]

Oct. 13. Nicholas to Attorney-General Bankes. Sends the complaint
Westminster. of Browne Bushell, and others, and other papers concerning Capt. Buller, out of which he will frame such articles against the same captain as he shall think best for his Majesty's service. [*Copy.* See *Dom. James I., Vol. ccix., p. 159.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Oct. $\frac{13}{23}$. 69. Nathaniel Geraerd to Prestwick Eaton. As Mr. Paulys has
Madrid. left unsatisfied the 300 R. which the writer owes to Eaton, he sends it by Jeffrey Ingleton. Is going to Seville. [1 p.]

Oct. 13. 70. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 1,903*l.* 18*s.* paid by Richard Whitehead, late sheriff of Hants, in part of 6,000*l.* ship-money charged on that county by writ of 4th August 1635. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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71. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 1,450*l.* paid by Thomas Brooke on behalf of Sir Philip Parker, sheriff of Suffolk, in part of 8,000*l.* ship-money of that county under writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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72. Journal of Capt. William Rainsborough, of the expedition to Sallee, in which he, as captain of the *Leopard*, was Admiral, Capt. George Carteret in the *Antelope* was Vice-Admiral, and Capt. Brian Harrison in the *Hercules* was Rear-Admiral. The journal contains a brief daily entry from the 21st February 1636–7, when Rainsborough joined his ship at Tilbury Hope, until this day, when his ship came over the chain at Chatham. The chief results appear in entries under date of 29th July, "Mr. [Robert] Blake came aboard with 13 English." 31st July, "came aboard 40 Christian captives." 1st August, "We had 180 Christians came aboard." 2nd August, "We had 73 more came aboard." [22 pp.]

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Doddington.

73. Sir Thomas Delves, Sheriff of co. Chester, to the Council. I have returned up the whole sum charged upon this county for ship-money, but finding the country poor, especially the market towns, I cannot as yet levy the sums imposed on them, and therefore rather chose to pay them in my own moneys than to incur a censure of slackness, or to move poor men's payments or punishments with too strict a hand. I received your directions about repayment of sums formerly charged, and some part levied, in case of the county. I find by the gentry that the city's encroachments are very troublesome and displeasing to the country; and so I crave my discharge. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Dover Castle.

74. Sir John Manwood to [Sec. Windebank]. I have obeyed your instructions as far as lies in my power. Because my occasions draw me to London, I have conferred with the mayor of Dover, and in my absence have interested him in it, so that if you have any further commands, direct them to him. On arrival in London I will wait on you. [1 p.]

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75. Certificate of Sir William Russell of sums in arrear under writs issued in August 1635. Total, 8,797*l.*, or, deducting 800*l.* abated to Bristol and 2,000*l.* to Northumberland, 5,997*l.* [*Damaged with damp.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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76. Similar certificate of sums received and in arrear under writs issued in August 1636. Total received, 168,551*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*; unpaid, 28,062*l.* 11*s.* [1 p.]

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77. Accounts of sums levied and in the hands of the sheriffs. Total, 4,650*l.*, which reduces the arrear to 23,199*l.* [23,412*l.*?] [1 p.]

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Storehouse in the Tower.

78. William Newman to Nicholas. The bearer, Mr. Sutcliffe, wants a warrant dormant from the Lords of the Admiralty for stay of all pipe-staves and clap-boards transported from the Thames to Spain or any foreign part, till there shall remain a quantity of the

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same for his Majesty's service, and for tradesmen in London, who cannot get these commodities for money; but there is now shipped out 6,000 of clap-board of the best. I will attend you when you come to Westminster on this business, on which I am put by my master John Crane, victualler to the Navy, and his brother, and likewise on the order about Lady Darrell, lately granted in my name and three others. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Oct. 14. 79. Certificate of Richard Lluellin and John Wightwick, bailiffs of Shrewsbury, and another, that Edward Clarke is a fit person to be admitted a common brewer for Shrewsbury. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Oct. 14. 80. Certificate of Dr. John Prideaux, Regius Professor of Divinity in Oxford, that he had read over [Chillingworth's Answer to Knott], and found in it nothing against the doctrine or discipline of the Church of England, but many things which strongly illustrate the orthodox faith and discomfit its adversaries. [Lat. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
Annexed,

80. I. *Similar certificate from Dr. Samuel Fell, Public Professor of Theology at Oxford, and Lady Margaret Preacher. 14th October 1637. [Lat. Endorsed by Archbishop Laud. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

Oct. 15. 81. Order of the King in Council. Sec. Coke having acquainted Hampton Court. the Board with a letter of the Agent of Holland, wherein he complains that the Rose, of Amsterdam, was, about Portland, met with by five ships of war of Dunkirk, and having most of her men slain, and the ship almost sunk, the residue of the men saved themselves in the skiff, and the ship came to land about Seaford, where she was pillaged by the inhabitants, and divers of the goods coming to land were adjudged as wreck by the Lord Warden, and forthwith sold, only 15 days being given to the proprietors, resident in Amsterdam, to reclaim their goods. It was ordered that the proprietors may appeal for the recovery of their goods if they be found not to be wreck, and that in the meantime the proceeds of the goods shall remain deposited in the Admiral Court of the Cinque Ports. [*Seal of the Council attached.* $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Oct. 15. 82. Petition of Marmaduke Marshall to the King. Petitioner has discovered that divers parcels of ground lying in Lenton and Radford, co. Nottingham, being common or waste ground, belong to your Majesty and are unlawfully withheld. Prays grant of the same in fee-farm at the rent of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per annum, and petitioner will at his own cost recover the same. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Annexed,*

82. I. *Particulars of the quantities and situation of several pieces of land mentioned in the above petition. [1 p.]*
Written under the petition,

82. II. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer, who, calling to his assistance the Attorney-General, is to certify his opinion. Hampton Court, 15th October 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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82. III. *The Lord Treasurer to the Attorney-General and Surveyor-General. To certify what they think fit to be done. London House, 25th October 1637.*

82. IV. *Report of the Attorney-General and Surveyor-General to the Lord Treasurer. We find the number of acres to be as they are set down in the schedule annexed. If the Lord Treasurer thinks the lands should be enclosed, they lying within the Forest of Sherwood, then they may be improved to 13s. 4d. or 10s. an acre. As touching the grant to petitioner, we leave the same to your wisdom. 25th June 1638. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]*

82. V. *Report of the Lord Treasurer to the King. Finds the lands desired by petitioner are part of the Forest of Sherwood, and to be very improvable if you will sever the same, and so will the whole forest, I doubt not. But how fit your Majesty knows best. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

Oct. 15. 83. Order of Council on the complaint of Michael Willett against Hampton Court. Thomas Roberts, for delaying to pay petitioner as he was enjoined by order of the Board of 25th May 1636. It was ordered that he should pay petitioner 50s. for his first trouble, and 20s. for the charge of this journey, or attend the Board on the 10th November, which if he fail to do, a messenger is to be sent for him. [*Seal of the Council impressed.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Oct. 15. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. [George] Heigham, Lieutenant Hampton Court. of the Garrison at Portsmouth. A quantity of saltpetre which was aboard the William, of London, John Bankes master, is put into a barque now at Portsmouth or thereabouts. You are to make stay of the said saltpetre for his Majesty's use, and not to release the same without security to bring it about to the port of London, and not to dispose of it without leave. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 57.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Oct. 15. Another copy of the same. [*See Vol. ccxciii., p. 68.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Oct. 15. 84. Lords of the Admiralty to Sir John Pennington. Cordage, Hampton Court. masts, anchors, and the like are laden aboard the Elizabeth, of Ratcliffe, — Johnson master, to be transported to Kinsale as magazine for the Swallow and Lion's Ninth Whelp, which are to be wintered on that coast. You are to appoint one of the ships under your command to waft the Elizabeth to the Land's End. [*Seal of Lords of the Admiralty.* 1 p.]

Oct. 15. Copy of the same. [*See Vol. cccliii., fol. 57 b.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Oct. 15. 85. Francis Earl of Bedford to his cousin Robert Long. I thank Woburn. you for speaking with Lord Holland. I intend about ten days hence to be at London, and then to treat with you about the thousand acres. As for the 2,500*l.* to Lord Holland, I can satisfy you. I got 500*l.* of that sum for him, and I desire you to let him know that the difference between me and the Adventurers will have no operation upon the moneys we are to pay him, for by the order

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made for payment at Wisbech, he is to have it upon the royal assent procured by him; and desire him from me, that when the judgment is signed by the King and the law, that he will keep them in his own custody till he be paid. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

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Claverton.

86. William Bassett, Sheriff of Somerset, to Nicholas. With all my endeavours I cannot yet get above 300*l.* ship-money since payment of the last 500*l.*, for there are divers constables that have collected money, and will neither appear before me nor be found of my bailiffs, whom I have sent to arrest them, and have watched about their houses a week together. If I cannot reach them between this and All Saints, I will entreat the Lords for a pursuivant. The 300*l.* shall be paid in suddenly, or, at farthest, as soon as I can make it up 500*l.* [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

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Burderop.

87. Sir William Calley to Richard Harvey. I have sent a letter to Felix Long with Mr. Michell's bond. If there cannot be 200*l.* gotten this term of Titchborne's and Michell's debts, I have written to Long to call in 200*l.* from Mr. Sandys, Mr. Brocas, Mr. Mallett, and Mr. Baber, or which you think weakest. The reason is, I must buy 300 sheep extraordinary. Send me, by the carrier, two good brass cocks, and 20 or 30 lbs. of very good lump sugar or Motville sugar. I have given the bearer, Edward Harrison, 10*l.* in gold to pay you for the well-rope and these things. Speak to my cousin, Edward Nicholas, to write me of his receipt of the 10*l.* I sent him. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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88. Receipt of Thomas Bassett, Lieutenant-Governor of Scilly, from Arthur Rose, under-sheriff of Cornwall, for the body of John Bastwick, appointed to be here delivered by order of the Lords of 27th August last, to be kept here prisoner. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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89. The King to [the Lord Mayor and others of] London. We have directed two letters to you in favour of Thomas Plumer, of London, merchant, who, at our being in Scotland, you chose to be sheriff, in the first of which we signified to you that, in regard of his infirmity in his hearing and other respects best known to ourself, we thought you should forbear to call him to that employment, and should deliver back the bond which you caused him to enter into to be cancelled. Upon the receipt thereof you made difficulty to give us satisfaction, pretending it might be drawn into a precedent; whereupon, by our second letters, we answered that we had no intention to open a way to the like hereafter, nor had so earnestly pressed it but upon some special occasions best known to ourselves. You have yet delayed, wherefore we command you, without further dispute, to deliver up the said bond, and forbear to choose the said Plumer as sheriff or alderman. [*Draft.* 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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90. Petition of Randolph Gilpin, parson of Barningham, Suffolk, to the King. Since petitioner's return from your Majesty's service before Rochelle, being preferred to his benefice at Barningham, he has lived there peaceably; but Maurice Barrow, John Craske, his

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man, Robert Barlyman, and others will not suffer petitioner to breathe in quiet through multiplicity of suits in Chancery, in the Court of Requests, in the Arches, at the Common Law, maintained by a common purse, thereby putting petitioner to 10*l.* or 20*l.* expense every term, which ariseth yearly to more than his annual means. Not content therewith, they over-rate petitioner in all taxes, withhold his tithes, detain his dues, wage law against him with his own moneys, and adopt many contrivances for defrauding him, which are here set forth, he being unable to withstand a multitude, one of whom has revenues of three or four thousand a year. Prays reference to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the bishop of petitioner's diocese. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

90. I. *Reference as prayed, with power to settle the business for the quiet of petitioner. Hampton Court, 17th October 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

90. II. *Appointment by the referees above mentioned to hear the business in the Inner Star Chamber on the 24th January next. 22nd October 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

Oct. 17. Copy of the preceding petition, with the reference. [See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 168. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]

Oct. 17. Petition of Dr. George Griffith, rector of Llandrinio, co. [diocese of St.] Asaph [and co. Montgomery], to the King. There are in the said rectory two farms called Maerdey and Kineerey, of the yearly value of 100*l.*, the inheritance of Sir Richard Newport, and in the occupation of William Couper and John Vaughan, which should pay tithes in kind, as has been adjudged in three judgments in ecclesiastical courts. The farmers, by the means of their landlord, procured those sentences to be controlled by prohibitions, and have kept from any just trial at common law. Petitioner not being able, by reason of his calling, to follow an uncertain and tedious suit against powerful opponents, prays a reference to some of the Council. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 170. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

I. *Reference to Archbishop Laud and the Lord Keeper to settle the business. Hampton Court, 17th October 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 172. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

Oct. 17. The like of Thomas Jermyn and Henry Jermyn, his Majesty's servants, to the same. George Bennet and Susanna Bennet are infants, and have an estate so settled by their grandfather's will that they are not in ward to your Majesty or any other, and of [have?] no kindred for their tuition. Pray grant of tuition of the said infants with the profits of their estates, so far as your Majesty's right extends. [Copy. Ibid., p. 174. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

I. *His Majesty, taking special care that the infants above mentioned should be well educated, confers his right on the petitioners, and requires the Master and Council of the Court of Wards to certify the true state of the business. Hampton Court, 17th October 1637. [Copy. Ibid. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

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Petition of Thomas Jermyn to the King. In the Star Chamber, Chancery, Court of Requests, and Duchy of Lancaster, there are examiners sworn; but in the Court of Exchequer there are none, only the business is "agitated" by servants attending on the barons, such as have no place or office, nor are men of eminency or worth. Petitioner prays a grant to himself and the person to be nominated by him for their lives, of the office of examiner in the Exchequer, with such fees as have been formerly taken. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 175. 1 p.*] Underwritten,

1. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington, calling to them the Lord Chief Baron and the rest of the barons to certify. [Copy. Ibid., p. 176. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

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The Swiftsure,
in the Downs.

91. Sir John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. The Expedition, which I sent to convoy the Prince Elector's horses for the Brill, is returned. I have given warrant to the Unicorn to stand for Dieppe, to fetch over the French Ambassador; but the winds blow so hard S.S.E. that he cannot stir. The Greyhound has sprung a leak, and gone into Dover pier to stop it. Six Zealand men-of-war are gone to lie to the westwards for guarding home their Bordeaux fleet, and they say there are 20 sail more coming out of Holland. [*Seals with arms. 1 p.*]

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92. Guildford Slingsby to Nicholas. Recommends the bearer for employment. [*Seal with arms. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

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93. Petition of John Fabian, clerk, vicar of Chew, Somerset, to Archbishop Laud. Articles have been preferred in the Court of High Commission by John Bird, of Dundry, against petitioner, and the cause appointed to be heard last Easter term was twelve months. Prays a peremptory day to be appointed for the hearing. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] Underwritten,

93. 1. *Reference to Sir John Lambe, if it be possible, to take order that this cause be brought to hearing on Thursday come sennight. 17th October 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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94. See "Returns made by Justices of Peace."

Oct. 18.

The Star
Chamber.

95. Order of Council, made on reading an order of the Board made the 2nd May last, touching potashes, and the restraint of the sale thereof, to the prejudice of the soapmakers of London, and in explanation of the said order. The order now made prohibited any sale of potashes by merchants, save to the soapmakers of London, and enforced that prohibition by various stringent regulations. It was provided, nevertheless, that if the merchants found themselves aggrieved in the premises, they were to attend the Board on the 3rd November next, together with the soapmakers. [*Copy. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pp.*]

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96. Notes by Sec. Windebank, in conclusion of those taken by him on the 13th inst. (No. 67), of proceedings in the cause in the Star Chamber, of the Attorney-General *versus* Vincent de la Barre,

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Francis Palmes, and others, with the opinions of the Lords as to the sentence, which was not given at this time. De la Barre had challenged one Foster, and Palmes had violently assaulted him. On the other side, Foster had accused Palmes of the death of Palmes's wife. [2 pp.]

Oct. 18.
Brecon.

97. Bishop Mainwaring, of St. David's, to Sec. Windebank. I present my humble duty and service to your good Lordship, with no less humble thanks for the noble honour you pleased to do me, in offering unto his Majesty that little service I desired to do unto his Majesty's title to Lankenodyr; as also for that you pleased to return me the good pleasure of his Majesty therein, which to me is no small comfort and encouragement. For which, as for the rest of your great goodness extended to so poor a man as I am, I shall ever pray for your Lordship. [1 p.]

Oct. 18.

98. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 11*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* ship-money paid by Edward Hamond for William Lemon, late sheriff of co. Hertford, in part of 4,000*l.* charged upon that county by writ of 4th August 1635. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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1. Information of John Newell, that Richard Rose, of Lyme Regis, being justice of peace there, in June 1634 [1637?], hearing that the fleet was going forth to maintain the King's title of being King of the Narrow Seas, said, "What a foolery is this, that the country in general shall be thus much taxed with great sums to maintain the King's titles and honours! For my part, I am 10*l.* the worse for it already." [*Nicholas has endorsed that he read this at the Council, but the Lords thought it not fit to question those words.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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2. E. W. to the Council. Complains of people who put him to his thoughts, and trouble him with their strange signs, conceits, devices, sleights, and tricks, blinding his eyes and whispering in his ears, but will never agree to do him justice and right. Prays the King to put forth his royal authority and power against them. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

2. 1. Copy of a letter written by the said E. W. to the persons mentioned in the preceding letter. It is [addressed?] to the young gentlemen of the Inns of Court, especially of the Inner Temple. Remonstrates with them. It is very hard that he cannot take his rest in his bed, but he is bedizied [bedaized?] and distracted in his senses, with a sort of signs, conceits, and devices. If he cannot persuade them to let him alone, they will make him weary of his life, and at the last to languish, pine away, and die with grief. [1 p.]

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3. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Agree with Mr. Crane about the victualling. Order what shall be done on a memorial from the Officers of the Navy. Consider complaint of provisions of the Providence sold to the southward by the captain. Resolve proportion of saltpetre to be assigned to David Stevenson in Grove's place. Order from what time the Earl of Northumberland shall be paid. Whether Birtby and Boxley shall be freed from the messenger on bail. Despatch the reference on Sir John Heydon's petition. Consider memorial from the French Ambassador's secretary. Petition of Hooke, of Bristol. [1 p.]

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4. Papers of remembrances from the Officers of the Navy, upon which they desired the Lords of the Admiralty to be moved. They relate to an estimate for enlarging the dry dock at Woolwich. His Majesty has ordered the Prince Royal to be brought about to Woolwich. Repair of ships lately returned from sea. Want of more masters-attendant; none now left at Chatham. Dry dock to be made at Portsmouth. A brick wall to enclose the yard at Chatham, and a new chain in place of the barricado at Upnor Castle, which his Majesty ordered some years past. The points to be settled with the victualler, alluded to in the preceding article, are here explained; they related to accounts between the pursers and him, and whether he was to be at the loss of the mouldy bread, sour beer, and other victuals returned at the close of a voyage; the ships in harbour scruple to receive them. [1 p.]

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Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to the Vice-President and Council of York. We have discharged our late Deputy, William Richardson, from making saltpetre, and have given deputation to Francis Emerson to work that county. We are informed that Richardson privately makes saltpetre in York, and sells the same thereabouts. We pray you to seize to his Majesty's use all such saltpetre, till upon notice of the quantity and quality we give order how to dispose thereof. [*Copy. See Vol. ccclviii., fol. 57 b. 1 p.*]

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Whitehall.

The same to Sir Henry Marten. Complaint is made to us that a French vessel, the Charles, being taken in June last, four leagues from Portland, by Dunkirkers, and left in Dover Road by reason of contrary winds, was there taken at anchor by an English vessel which had letters of reprisal against the Dunkirkers. Being carried to London, she was there claimed by the French Ambassador, and it was ordered that she should remain in the river until attestation were brought to whom she belonged, and then she should be restored, with the money that proceeded from the sale of the fish which was in her. The French having brought attestation, there was then another sentence, whereby the captain that took her was permitted to have her upon caution at a very low rate. We pray you to certify to us of these proceedings, that we may give answer to the French. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 58. ½ p.*]

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Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. William Cooke. In your last employment in the *Henrietta*, employed for guard of the Thames and Medway, you then commanded but four months, by reason of your employment as master in the *Triumph*, and Capt. Thomas Austen, the present commander of the *Henrietta*, has now served in her six months. You are to repair aboard the *Henrietta*, and taking charge of her as captain and master, are to observe the instructions we gave you, dated the last day of June 1634. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 58. ½ p.*]

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Whitehall.

The same to the same. The Council considering the excessive prices of oysters, by reason of the engrossing of them by strangers and exporting them in foreign bottoms, have required us to give order that no oysters be henceforth exported by strangers, and that all such ships be stayed, and the owners committed to prison until they give sureties not to offend in the like kind hereafter. We require you to see the order of the Lords carefully observed, and to send us the bonds you take. And if you find that any of his Majesty's subjects carry oysters to sea and put them aboard a foreign vessel, you are to advertise us of their names and places. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 58 b. ⅔ p.*]

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Whitehall.

The same to Thomas Lord Coventry, Lord Keeper. Certificate that Kenrick Edisbury, Surveyor of the Navy, had attended 188 days, from 26th March to 29th September last past, and was entitled to a liberate for 4s. per diem, amounting to 37*l.* 12s. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 59. ½ p.*]

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Whitehall.

The same to the same. The like certificate for Sir Henry Palmer, Comptroller of the Navy, who had given the same attendance, and was entitled to the like amount. [*Copy. Ibid. ½ p.*]

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The same to the same. The like certificate for Dennis Fleming, Clerk of the Navy, who had attended the same number of days at 3s. 4*d.* per day, and was therefore entitled to 34*l.* 6s. 8*d.* [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 59 b. ½ p.*]

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Whitehall.

Order of the Lords of the Admiralty. John Birtby and Thomas Boxley, having stated upon petition that they had been three weeks in the messenger's custody upon the complaint of Doves and Tokeley, and had been examined by the Attorney-General, whereupon they prayed enlargement, the Lords desired the Attorney-General to take of petitioners good bail according to the quality of their offences, and thereupon to release them. [*Copy. Ibid. ½ p.*]

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Nicholas to Richard Poole. You are to prepare a deputation from the Lords Commissioners for Saltpetre to David Stevenson, to make saltpetre within cos. Cambridge, Huntingdon, Rutland, and Lincoln, in place of Hugh Grove. Stevenson is to bring into his Majesty's stores 600 of saltpetre a week, from 1st January next. [*Copy. See Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 160.*]

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5. Petition of Thomas Thornhill and Timothy Thornhill, of London, merchants, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Having a parcel of

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Barbary saltpetre, containing 237 bags, petitioners proffer it to the Lords to be delivered into his Majesty's storehouse at 4*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* the cwt. If his Majesty has no occasion for it, petitioners pray leave to transport it. [1 p.]

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6. Petition of Thomas Humberstone and his wife, and other parishioners of Walkern, in the diocese of Lincoln, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioners at Easter last and several other times presented themselves kneeling in the open chancel of Walkern, as they had formerly done, to receive the Holy Communion at the hands of Dr. Gorsuch, parson of the said parish, who would not suffer them to be partakers of the same, and notwithstanding he was since commanded by his diocesan to administer the same, as by petition annexed appears, and afterwards before his Lordship consented to do accordingly, he still refuses. As petitioners have always been very conformable, and desire to submit themselves, and to partake of the sacrament, they beseech your command to the said minister that he appoint a communion and administer the same to petitioners, who are willing to receive the same kneeling at the rails of the communion table, if you so command, or as formerly they have done in the chancel. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

6. I. *Direction of Archbishop Laud to Sir John Lambe, that if there be process issued out of the court against petitioners, he will suppress it, and send this petition to Dr. Gorsuch, willing him to cease all further suit, and do what shall be fitting in a peaceable and Christian-like way, petitioners performing what they have undertaken. 19th October 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.] Annexed,*

6. II. *Copy petition of the same petitioners to Bishop Williams, of Lincoln. Petitioners went to Dr. Gorsuch on Good Friday eve last, and acquainted him with their purpose of receiving the Holy Communion as the next day. They paid him their accustomed offerings on Good Friday, and drew all of them out of the church into the body of the chancel, and there kneeling, desired to be partakers thereof, but were refused by the Dr. and his curate, unless they would come up to the rail, which they refused until they knew your command. Upon the same reason five of them were put by at Christmas last, and likewise the Dr. and his curate read part of the service at the communion table, where most of the parish cannot hear. Pray the bishop's counsel and directions, and that the divine service may be there said where the people may be best edified. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] Underwritten,*

6. II. i. *Dr. Gorsuch is to see this, and to know that if it be true, it is a bold part in him, and more in his curate, to deny the communion upon such weak foundations, and therefore I strictly require them to warn a communion and to administer the same to as many*

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of those parties as shall present themselves, in any part of the chancel, kneeling, under pain of suspension in him, and deposition in his curate. And I require him to set up no innovation or fantasticality of his own conceit in his church, without express order from his ordinary for the time to come. 5th May 1637. JO. LINCOLN. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.] Also annexed the following papers of previous date, but connected with this business.

6. III. *Petition of the said Dr. John Gorsuch to Archbishop Laud.* His parishioners, puritanically affected, much trouble his quiet administration of the Holy Sacrament, in respect they will not come up to receive at the rails, which breeds much trouble amongst the rest of the inhabitants. Who having for the same cause, amongst other misdemeanours, been presented in the Bishop of Lincoln's diocese, your petitioner can have no execution of justice by reason the Bishop of Lincoln remits all their presentments and will not suffer them to be presented in his court, whereupon some of the parties article against the churchwardens and sidemen to their great vexation. Petitioner prays that either they may be cited into the High Commission Court, or some other course may be taken therein as to you shall seem fit. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
6. IV. *Petition of the same to the same.* Petitioner, since the time that order came about removing the communion table to the end of the chancel and there to be set table-ways, has endeavoured to deliver the communion to his parishioners coming up there to receive the same. In all which parish there was only one man, a factious fellow, Thomas Humberstone, a farmer, denied to come up, and thereupon I went to him and delivered the communion where he sat in the chancel. The next communion day four others would not come up to receive. I denied to deliver the communion to them. They complained to the archdeacon, Mr. Holdsworth, who told them, before he was informed by me, that I was to blame, but after I had been with him, wrote a persuasive letter to them to reform their carriage, but they went to the Bishop of Lincoln, who underwrit their petition that I should presently, and as the last Sunday past, deliver them the communion, though they came not up, which petitioner could not then for the suddenness thereof, as also to make your Grace acquainted therewith, and what a disturbance this will make, not only in my parish, but in the country thereabouts. Prays direction, the Bishop of Lincoln having enjoined petitioner for execution of his command in pain of suspension of his living, wherein petitioner and his friends have disbursed the best part of 1,000*l.* in new buildings. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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6. v. *Another copy of the petition and answer* 1. ii., in which the petitioners are stated, besides Humberstone and his wife, to be Thomas Dearmer and his wife, Henry Parker and his wife, William Parsons and his wife, and Rose Tarbox, widow. There is also added an account, signed J. Gorsuch, of the several presentations which had been made against the petitioners for not bowing at the hearing of the name of Jesus, for often absenting themselves from church and for not standing up at the Gloria Patri, &c. [1 p.]

Oct. 20. 7. The King to all Judges, Justices, and others. Henry Drake, justice of peace in Dorset, to whom we formerly granted our protection, has made so good use of it that many of his engagements, to the amount of 2,500*l.*, have been discharged, and he will speedily give satisfaction for the residue by disposing of his estate and land in Devon, passed to him for collateral security, if he be not interrupted. We thereupon, by our prerogative royal, which we will not have argued or called in question, take him into our protection, and charge you that he be not molested for one year from the date hereof. [*Copy of signed bill.* 1½ p.]

Oct. 20. 8. Draft thereof and of the docquet written under the same. [3 pp.]

Oct. $\frac{20}{30}$. 9. Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia to Archbishop Laud. Acquaints him with what she now writes to the King and entreats his assistance in it. Before this he has had the news of the brave Landgrave of Hesse's death. His army is without a head, and her son desires to take it. He will never have a better opportunity to have so good an army levied to his hand. All the chiefs are willing, so that he may show them how they may subsist. Our suit is that the King would contribute to this work a sum of money, monthly or otherwise, as he shall think fit. By this means her son will be made considerable, and it cannot engage the King before his own time, for King James sent troops into the Palatinate and into Holland, and yet did not break with Spain. She has commanded Sir Richard Cave to tell the archbishop all things, and she entreats him to hear Sir Richard at full, and to give him counsel and assistance. P.S.—The bearer, Mr. O'Brien, desires the archbishop's recommendation to the Lord Deputy of Ireland in a business touching his father. Entreats the archbishop to give him all the favour he can. His father is a papist, but the son a good Protestant. He has a company there, and is much esteemed by the Prince of Orange and everybody else. [*Seals with arms.* 2 pp.]

Oct. 20. 10. Cause List in the Court of Star Chamber this day. The Attorney-General *versus* Viscount Savile and others; Viscount Savile *versus* James Field and Margaret, his wife; George Lord Chandos *versus* Dame Jane Bridges and others; and John Lord Mohun *versus* Sir James Bagge and others. [1 p.]

Oct. 20. 11. Notes by Sec. Windebank, made on the hearing of several of the above causes, and first as to that between Lord Chandos and Jane Bridges. She pretended to have been married to the late

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Giles Bridges in Savoy in 1629, and tried to procure various clergymen to say that they had married her. She was fined 500*l.* and sentenced to be whipped. The remainder of these notes refer to the causes relating to Lord Savile. The late Lord Savile, by his will, gave his daughter, Mrs. Lee, an interest in a forge and certain woods of which Field was the tenant. Lord Savile died on 30th August 1630, when the present Lord strove to get possession of the forge, and in order to do so, endeavoured to force Field to release. Various riots ensued which were the cause of the present suits. The result does not appear. [= 3 *pp.*]

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12. Sir James Bagge to the Lords of the Admiralty. Gives account of proceedings in two sessions of the Admiralty held this last vacation. For that of Devonshire, Sir Edward Seymour and the writer, as vice-admirals, attended on the 4th inst., where seven persons were arraigned, six of them Moors or Turks of Sallee, who, about 12 months since, being distressed upon the coast and forced to land, were taken upon the shore and are part of that company that were brought into the Isle [of Wight] and arraigned at Winchester. The evidence against them, of taking a small boat in Torbay, was the inducement to both juries to find them guilty. The seventh was an Englishman, one Thomas Norton, of Devon, who 17 years since was taken by an Algiers man-of-war, where for divers years he continued a slave, but took an opportunity and ran from his patron of Algiers to Sallee, where he lived at his own disposal for divers years, upon the shore, using his trade of a ship-carpenter, and at other times going to sea. Having gathered money his patron of Algiers repaired to Sallee and reduced him to bondage, from which Norton ransomed himself by those moneys he had gotten, and now goes to sea on his own account, and is accounted at Sallee to exceed the Turk's cruelty to his own countrymen. Last year he took a ship of Dartmouth which they rifled, taking away her men, sails, ammunition, and cables, and left her to the waves that soon convoyed her to the rocks, and in sight of the owners she was cast away. The Sallee man-of-war was lost in a storm at Rochelle. The Christians by the French were released and the Turks permitted to repair to Sallee. Norton takes a passage to Dartmouth, there lives at his trade as a carpenter, until discovered by some to whom he had been hard at Sallee, and so was indicted and found guilty, where he and the others remain, all reprieved. As for Cornwall sessions, on calling for the prisoners, 20 and more of the company of the Nicodemus formerly committed, return was made by the deputy gaoler that they all broke gaol except the captain, Henry Johnson, who was found guilty of taking the Medusa, of Dartmouth, but reprieved according to your directions. As for John Sorrell, the gaoler, we intended to have arraigned him, but he could not be found. A more corrupt and unfit man cannot be found, and it cannot be doubted that for money the Dutch were suffered to escape. [2½ *pp.*]

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13. The same to the same. In answer to their letter of 30th September last, calendared under that date, he relates that the

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St. Luke, late of Olonne, about June last was taken at sea by a ship of war of Dunkirk, and by warrant of Capt. Henry Stradling, dated 21st June 1637, was committed to the writer's officers. By warrant from the Earl of Northumberland of the 17th August, she was delivered to the said Dunkirker. After which re-delivery the ship and fish were sold at Plymouth by the Dunkirker to Richard Deane. On 2nd September last I received a letter from the Earl of Northumberland, expressing that the St. Luke was claimed by some French, and that I was to arrest her, which was done. Since I have been here I have received information that some French who claimed the ship repaired aboard, picked the oakum out of the seams, and by boring holes occasioned the water to overflow the fish, so that to save it from perishing and the ship from sinking they were enforced to sell it. The French being thereof accused and found guilty, were imprisoned by the mayor. [1½ p.] *Enclosed,*

13. I. *Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sir James Bagg. Warrant for delivery of the French ship above mentioned to the Dunkirker that brought her hither. Dated from the Triumph in Plymouth Sound, 17th August 1637. [Copy. 1 p.]*

13. II. *Receipt of Jacob Esmes, the Dunkirker above mentioned, for the St. Luke, of Olonne, delivered to him by virtue of the warrant above calendared. 25th August 1637. [Copy. ¾ p.]*

13. III. *Algernon Earl of Northumberland to Sir James Bagg. Requests him to arrest the St. Luke, of Olonne, in accordance with a warrant out of the Court of Admiralty received by the Earl that morning. Dated from the Triumph in Plymouth Sound, 2nd September 1637. [Copy. 1 p.]*

Oct. 20.
St. Ives.

14. Francis Bassett, Ralph Byrd, and John Hickes to the Lords of the Admiralty. They have that day held an Admiralty court at St. Ives, wherein certain pretenders to wreck and Admiralty droits within the vice-admiralty jurisdiction of the north of Cornwall were certified and presented according to schedule annexed. The Prince claims all wrecks and droits throughout the whole of Cornwall, as by a copy of a letter enclosed appears. [Damaged by damp. 1 p.] *Enclosed,*

14. I. *Certificate of the writers of the above letter of the presentments made at the session of Admiralty above mentioned, which was held at the Town Hall of St. Ives this day. John Arundel, of Chideock, the Marquess of Winchester, Lord Robartes, Francis Bassett, Prince Charles, Denis Rolle, John Carter, Humphrey Noy, and — Trevilian are the claimants or pretenders above mentioned. 20th October 1637. [Seal of the Judge of the Court of Admiralty*

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*for the north of Cornwall attached. Damaged by damp.
3 pp.]*

14. 11. *Sir Richard Wynn, Sir David Cunningham, and others, Commissioners for the Duchy of Cornwall, to Francis Bassett. Wrecks of sea within this duchy of right belong to the Prince. We have been informed that you, as vice-admiral of the north of Cornwall, have taken up certain barrels of butter and other goods wrecked within the duchy. You are to deliver them to Thomas Gewen, havenor of the duchy, or to appear before the Commissioners at his Majesty's commission house in Fleet Street the 3rd November next. From the said commission house, 28th June 1637. [1 p.]*

Oct. 20. 15. Authority from Henry Browne, William Lowe, Sir Francis Tanfield, William King, Thomas Gibbes, Ambrose Scriven, Henry Gratwick, John Bray, and A. Barnard, poor knights of Windsor, to Gregory Baker, to receive money due to them out of his Majesty's receipt at Westminster. [*Underwritten, 4l. 7s. each, 39l. 3s. 1 p.*]

Oct. 20. 16. Statement by [Inigo Jones, surveyor of his Majesty's works], in reply to an accusation of delay in the business of St. Michael le Querne, in carrying out the order of his Majesty and the Lords, made at Hampton Court on the 17th September last. He states what he had done, and throws the blame of delay on Mr. Binion, a silkman, who was resolved that either the church should be built after the way desired by the parishioners or not at all. [*1½ p.*]

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The Hague.

17. Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia to Sir Thomas Roe. At Rhenen I could send you no news but of the death of hares and which horse run best, which, though I say it that should not say it, was mine. The joy of the taking of Breda was much abated by the loss of the brave Landgrave [of Hesse] which troubled me not a little. You know how much cause I have for it, but we must not lose courage, and my son has now more cause than ever to make himself considerable, and therefore he is desirous to take the Landgrave's army, and sent Horne, one of his gentlemen, to sound the officers and the Landgravine, who show themselves willing to have him, so that he can find means to make them subsist. Therefore he has given Sir Richard Cave order to beseech the King that he will bestow something upon him to help his beginning. Cave will tell you all his reasons; pray let him have the best counsel and advice. I know not what to think of the treaty or where it hangs. They say it is to be here, and Sec. Coke writes to Sir William Boswell that he shall have commissions to treat, but he cannot believe it, since all the rest are ambassadors and he only agent. I hope you shall be sent. If you and Boswell were joined in commission, it were a fine thing. I have let most of my friends know how welcome you would be. The Prince of Orange is not yet returned, but is looked for every day.

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Let me know as soon as you can what you think of this design of my son's. Your daughter Mab is as good a little monkey as ever was, and follows me a-horseback as well as her bigger fellows. [1½ p.]

Oct. 21. 18. Receipt of Nathaniel Wheatly, late mayor of Banbury, for all the arrears of "sheepe" money paid to him by Thomas Robbins, John Yates, and Thomas Pym, late constables of that borough. Witness, Thomas Webb, mayor. [½ p.]

Oct. 21. 19. Sir Paul Harris to Nicholas. Has left with Sir William Russell all the arrears of ship-money for Salop, saving 302*l.*, which is to be paid by Wenlock. [*Seal with arms.* ½ p.]
My lodging in
Chancery Lane.

Oct. 21. 20. Account by Sir William Russell of ship-money under writs of August 1636; received (171,368*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*) and in arrear (25,245*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*) [1 p.]

Oct. 21. 21. Account of further sums on the same account levied by the sheriffs but not yet paid in, 4,808*l.*, making total receipts 176,176*l.*, and uncollected 20,224*l.* [1 p.]

Oct. 21. 22. Sir Henry Marten to the Lords of the Admiralty. Report under an order of the Lords of the 18th instant, made upon the petition of Jacob Brames, his Majesty's customer at Dover. In April last, Mr. Brames bought at Dunkirk two busses or pinks, which he caused to be brought to Dover, where he furnished them with nets, and set them upon a voyage for the North Seas to fish. They performed their voyage, returned to Dover and discharged their lading, and then were set forth again in the like manner. On that second voyage, whilst fishing to the northward of Newcastle, and when they had got between them 240 barrels of fish, they were violently taken by a frigate of Dunkirk, carried thither, and, notwithstanding the correspondents of Brames alleged the facts before stated, the masters and companies were spoiled and imprisoned, a ransom of 380*l.* was put upon them, and within 3 or 4 days the busses and fish were confiscated and sold. If upon his Majesty's letter to that State for restitution and satisfaction the same be denied, I leave it to his Majesty whether he will hold letters of reprisal sufficient, or also think it necessary to stay all Dunkirk men-of-war, until they give caution for the better security of his subjects employed in fishing. [3 pp.]

Oct. 21. 23. Copy of the same. [3 pp.]

Oct. 21. 24. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Windebank. Hopes it appears that his Majesty is satisfied from him, not only of the 120,000*l.* received in France, but that in that account Burlamachi has overpaid 11,610*l.* which has been allowed in his general account. Prays Windebank to move that the stop of that money in France may be taken off, and that a letter be written to Lord Scudamore to assist Burlamachi's friends concerning the assignments he received for the money that was due to his Majesty. [1 p.]
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Commissioners for Gunpowder to Montjoy Earl of Newport, Master of the Ordnance. To issue one last of gunpowder at 18*d.* per pound to William Felgate, of London, skinner. [*Minute. See Vol. ccclv., No. 61, p. 4. ¼ p.*]

Oct. 21.

25. Information of William Actor, servant to Sir Richard Harrison, that between five and six years since he served Mr. Allison, of Norwood, Middlesex, about three quarters of a year, in which time Amie Hobkins served Mr. Allison's wife. Mr. Allison told Actor that Amie was with child by him, and threatened that if he refused to marry her he would send him to Newgate, but that if he would marry her, he, Mr. Allison, would give him 20*l.*; thereupon, being under twenty years of age, and far gone in drink, he went with one Wybled, a kinsman of Allison's, and the said Amie, and met with two men, who they said were a priest and his clerk, but he cannot remember that he went into a church, or that he was married. He has never seen the said Amie since. [*Endorsed by William Dell, "For Sir John Lambe." 1 p.*]

Oct. 21.

26. Petition of William Godsell *alias* Smith to Archbishop Laud. The chapel of Royden has been beyond the memory of man, and is a member of the church of Boyton, Wilts, having a glebe, a burying-place, and other parochial rights, consisting of 30 households and 200 people. The same has been for many years much profaned, the bell being sold away and now employed in a private house, tombstones laid for a chimney-place or hearth, the footstone used for a cheese press, the bones of buried corpses dug up and the place converted into a garden, the chapel itself inhabited as an ordinary tenement, and the parishioners on Sunday either staying at home or straggling to several churches, being seven miles distant from the mother church. Petitioner being as a neighbour and a Christian greatly scandalized, represents the matter to the archbishop, whom he had found propitious concerning the demolished chancel of Co[r]sley, in Wilts, and prays a commission to examine the particulars aforesaid. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Under-written,*

26. I. Reference to Sir John Lambe to take order for such a commission as is suggested. 21st October 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

[Oct. 22 ?]

27. Order of the King in Council, made on consideration of the frequent practices used by Romish priests and Jesuits to seduce his Majesty's subjects and the scandal taken thereupon. It was ordered that Sec. Windebank and Mr. Attorney-General should peruse the proclamations and orders of State made since his Majesty's coming to the crown for repressing Romish priests and for restraint of his Majesty's subjects from going to mass to ambassadors' houses, and other places, and should make a draft of a proclamation to be read to his Majesty and the Board, setting forth the continued care of his Majesty and the Lords in the causes aforesaid, and his resolution to have the said proclamations and orders to be executed hereafter. [There is added on the following page a passage in the handwriting

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of Sec. Windebank, which was probably intended to form part of the intended proclamation. Its effect was that his Majesty, finding that the Roman Catholic party upon that ease they have lately enjoyed had forgotten themselves, and had taken that liberty to themselves that his Majesty never intended and is directly against the laws, thought good to declare that he is resolved to maintain the government of the Church of England and will punish all such as commit anything contrary to the same. [1½ p.]

Oct. 22 [?]
The Hague.

28. Charles Louis, Elector Palatine, to Archbishop Laud. Sir Richard Cave has sent the writer your kind letter with a relation of the honour you did him when he waited on you, both testimonies of the continuation of the archbishop's affection. Desires means to show how really the writer honours him. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

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The Hague.

29. The same to Sir Thomas Roe. I bade Sir Richard Cave acquaint you with what I desire of the King. It would not be amiss if you would acquaint the archbishop with the importance of East Friesland. It may be they will assist me rather than let the French or Imperialist possess it. As to the treaty, I fear they trifle on all sides, which you may see by my letter to Cave. I hope to see you here, which will be an infinite contentment to me. I wish it so much that I shall imagine my business done when I obtain it, besides the pleasure I receive by your conversation, which I should wish to possess perpetually if it might be without wrong to your fortune. [1 p.]

Oct. 23.

30. Lord Chief Justice Finch to the Council. According to your order I called before me the mayors and burgesses of Plymouth and Saltash, and it was agreed between them that those of Saltash should pay yearly to those of Plymouth towards repairing the harbour of Catwater 20*l.* for three years in lieu of a moiety of the profit of the said harbour; and that Plymouth should have the sole ballasting within Catwater and Cawse, reserving the ballasting within Hamoaze to Saltash; and that the care of the harbour of Catwater is henceforth to be committed to both Plymouth and Saltash, but in case of any neglect of Saltash it is to rest only with Plymouth according to your order of the 17th May last. In all other particulars the parties agreed to your said order. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Oct. 23.
Chester.

31. Evan Edwards and William Edwardes to the Council. We have repaired to the house of Peter Ince, of this city, bookbinder, and there viewed his books and papers, but found not any printed book or manuscript that is unlawful. If he had any such the same might be conveyed away, since he was convented before the High Commission at York, he having had a fortnight's time on bonds to appear there, where now he remains to answer some crimes laid to his charge at the time of Prynne's being in this city. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

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Oct. 23. 32. Sir John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. The
 The Swiftsure, 17th the Unicorn set sail for Dieppe, but is not yet come back.
 in the Downs. The Greyhound pinnace has stopped her leak and has come out to
 me. On the 20th two Hollanders chased in a Dunkirk prize, a
 French bark of 40 or 50 tons, laden with small hedge wines, but so
 soon as he stood in the Hollander stood off again to sea. The same
 day a Dunkirk frigate took a great Holland merchant ship that was
 come out of the Straits, rich. The Hollanders had likewise a
 great loss by the Dunkirkers some three weeks since at the Isle of
 Rhé, as I am informed. They took seven of their merchant ships
 and burnt seven, and put 20 more ashore. Though the French and
 Hollanders have had good fortune by land, the Dunkirkers plague
 them both daily by sea. The 21st I received a complaint by a small
 English bark that a French picaroon had taken some bread and
 other trifles from him near the Ness. I sent out the Expedition
 and Greyhound to see if they could meet with him. The former has
 returned without finding him. [1 p.]

Oct. 23. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. The Swiftsure,
 Whitehall. the Bonaventure, the First and Second Whelps, and the Greyhound
 are to be continued at sea under the command of Sir John Penning-
 ton after the 14th December, during the remainder of the winter.
 You are to give warrant to the Victualler to send aboard the said
 ships a fit quantity of victuals unto the 1st April next. This supply
 is to be taken out of the remains of victuals formerly provided for
 this year's Great Fleet. You are to cause them to be surveyed,
 and such only to be sent aboard as are wholesome. [Copy. See
 Vol. cccliii., fol. 60. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Oct. 23. Order of the same Lords on the petition of Philip White, black-
 Whitehall. smith, calendared under date of August 6th, Vol. ccclxv., No. 27.
 The Lords desired Mr. Attorney-General to call before him John
 Browne, the patentee of iron ordnance, and compose the differences
 between them, or certify what prejudice he conceives it may be to
 the patentee or the kingdom to permit petitioner to sell within the
 kingdom such ordnance as he mends. [Copy. Ibid. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Oct. 23. 33. Francis Bassett to Nicholas. Excuses his delay in holding a
 Tehidie. court respecting the claims of Admiralty jurisdiction, not having
 been able to get the judge and registrar to attend before. Wishes
 speedy proceedings to be taken against Mr. Arundel. Within two
 or three years he had a seizure of 18 butts of sack at once. Com-
 ments on the claim set up by the Prince's Commissioners (see p. 489,
 No. 14, II.), and sends Nicholas a draft of his intended answer, which
 he prays him to correct. Hopes the Lords will defend him in his
 Majesty's rights. A similar claim was preferred against Sir James
 Bagg, for a bark driven ashore at "St. Tawssell" [St. Austell] when
 the King was Prince; he answered before the Council and held it.
 Mr. Wyan has written that the auditors excepted to the writer's last
 account, for that some things were sold as appraised. At times

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things were appraised to the full value, and he never sold oft [ought] for more than he accounted for. [2 pp.] *Enclosed,*

33. I. *Francis Bassett to the Prince's Commissioners for the Duchy of Cornwall. Reply to No. 14, II. He never received any wrecked goods for which he has not passed a due account in the High Court of Admiralty, according to his duty in that behalf. Tehidie, 23rd October 1637. [Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

Oct. 23.
London.

34. George Lord Goring to Sir John Pennington. Being farmer of the impost of tobacco, I suffer by the liberty that masters of shipping take by bringing over their ships for Hamburgh and the Low Countries. The Falcon, whereof Thomas Irish is master, has hovered about the Isle of Wight, intending some directions from merchants here to go for Hamburgh. If she come through the Downs, I pray that she may be boarded and sent up carefully to the port of London, or good bond taken for her due arrival here, whereby his Majesty may be answered the duties. His Majesty's other farmers have written to Capt. Percival to acquaint you herewith, which I thought should not go without this particular of my own. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Oct. 23.

35. Commissioners for Buildings to the Council. Certificate of such new buildings of base condition as have been of late years erected upon new foundations contrary to proclamation, and inhabited by persons of very mean quality within the city and liberty of Westminster. The places mentioned are Long Acre, Hartshorn Lane, Lincoln's Inn Fields, Bedford Street, Covent Garden, King Street, Westminster, Duck Lane, Long Ditch, "Peckadilly," Neat Houses. Seven dwelling-sheds in Long Acre, erected by William Joyce, one of his Majesty's guard, are the subject of special comment. [3 pp.]

Oct. 23.
Burton.

36. Barbara Lambe to her father, Sir John Lambe. Letter of excuse for writing to "my Lord" without telling Sir John and showing him the letter. She wrote, in three or four lines, to entreat him that he would not trouble himself any further till they might know the determinations of their fathers. [1 p.]

Oct. 24.

37. Petition of John Titchborne, your Majesty's servant, to the King. Your Majesty is entitled to all quarries and mines of chalk, limestone, and other stones and sand about Milford Haven, which have been encroached upon by many persons. For increase of your revenue, petitioner is ready to entitle you thereto. Prays a lease for 31 years at 10*l.* per annum. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

37. I. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington, calling to their assistance Mr. Attorney-General, to certify. Whitehall, 4th October 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.] Endorsed,*

37. II. *The Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington to the King. The chalk, lime, and sand near Milford Haven is that by which the inhabitants there live, as the only means for*

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their tillage. We conceive it is not fitting to restrain them, for 10l., to force them to take licences from any private person. 5th July 1638. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Oct. 24. 38. Receipt of Sir William Russell [unsigned by him] for 759l. 11s. 3d. ship-money paid by Nicholas Meredith for Richard Long, late mayor of Bristol, collected under the writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Oct. 24. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. On the 1st inst. Whitehall. we gave you order to pay 4l. per diem to the Earl of Northumberland during his employment, without expressing from what time. His Majesty's pleasure is that you give warrant for payment from the first day that any of the fleet entered into sea victuals after the date of the Earl's commission until his ship was paid off. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 60 b. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

Oct. 24. 39. Petition of John Ward, rector of Dinnington [Dennington?] in the diocese of Norwich, to Archbishop Laud. There is a suit depending in the High Commission against petitioner for a simony pretended to be committed before the time limited in his Majesty's coronation pardon, which petitioner pleaded. Prays that the benefit thereof may be allowed him, or the validity thereof be referred for consideration. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

39. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to give the archbishop an account. 24th October 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

39. II. *Report of Sir John Lambe. The Commissioners at Informations conceived that the pardon forgave the simony, but did not rehabilitate the simonist. Therefore the cause is to proceed.*

Oct. 25. 40. Order of Council. Recites certificate as to new buildings, calendared under date of the 23rd inst., No. 35. It was ordered that a messenger should be sent to the several persons named in the said certificate, to give them notice to provide themselves of new habitations before May next, and that if they show not good reasons to the Board at the beginning of December next why their said buildings should not be demolished, a warrant be granted to the sheriff to demolish the same. [1 p.]

Oct. 25. 41. Petition of David Edwards, William Edwards, and Thomas Edwards, all of Rorington, Salop, husbandmen, to the Council. David Edwards having a farm in Salop not worth above 8l. per annum, out of which he pays 4l. rent, for the maintenance of himself and the other petitioners, being his sons and servants, unmarried, and several other small children, was at the former assessments assessed 6s. 8d. towards the ship-money. Afterwards, in the time of Sir Paul Harris, late sheriff, petitioner, out of ill will borne to him by Sir Paul and by compact with the assessors, was assessed 20s., yet being unwilling to contend he paid the same. Also John Edwards, elder brother of petitioner David, and John Edwards the younger, one of

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petitioner David's sons, in 20*l.* together, whereas divers knights and baronets of above forty times the value of their estate were not assessed above 10*l.*, and several baronets and knights not above 4*l.*, and some justices of peace not 3*l.*, and most esquires 40*s.*; for redress whereof they petitioned your Lordships. Whereupon you directed your letters to Sir John Bridgeman, chief justice of Chester, to afford them redress. Sir John signified that 16*l.* of the said 20*l.* should be abated; 4*l.* was thereupon divers times tendered to the sheriff. He refused to accept the same, but in the end did so; but after caused David Edwards to be assessed anew in 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and the other petitioners at 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* apiece, being persons of little worth, and formerly not assessed at all. And Sir Paul has distrained a cow of David's, and the like of John the younger, and has committed petitioner William to prison, and threatens to do the like to Thomas. Pray relief. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

41. 1. *The Lords, understanding that Sir Paul Harris is in town, order that this petition be showed to him, and that he attend the Board on Friday next. Star Chamber, 25th October 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

Oct. 25.

42. Petition of Richard Bulkley, clerk, vicar of Bromfield, Salop, and in the diocese of Hereford, to Archbishop Laud. Was very conformable, and had lived 17 years in the said diocese without ever having been questioned before his ordinary. Of late, being a witness to the will of Francis Foxe, and examined in a legal way concerning the same, a gentleman of that county, of power and wealth, was so much offended against him as that he had preferred articles against him in the High Commission on pretence of quarrelling, playing at tables and cards, neglecting his cure upon week-days, and vexing his parishioners with suits in law. Petitioner having a wife and five children, and his living being worth but 50*l.* per annum, is like to be undone with charges. Prays a reference to the Bishop of Hereford. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

42. 1. *If Sir John Lambe finds the articles here mentioned unfit for the court, let them be referred to the ordinary. 25 October 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

Oct. 25.

43. Certificate of James Robins, that Robert Rigge, of Fareham, having agreed with the justices of peace for the carriage of 1,000 loads of timber for his Majesty's service to Fareham wharf, he had performed the same. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Oct. 25.

Burderop.

44. Sir William Calley to Richard Harvey. Mr. Throckmorton had been with the writer and complained of Mr. Holman, who came to the audit at Maidenhead and carried away the money received there, in breach of his promise, when the writer put over the office to him, that Mr. Throckmorton should continue his deputy therein for this year. Has written to Lord Cottington and entreated him to charge Mr. Holman with his promise, and also to Mr. Whippe. Sends Richard Browne, the bearer, to London with a letter to Sir

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Toby Matthew about coach-horses, which he desired Sir William to provide for him in the country. [1 p.]

Oct. 26.

45. The King to Bishop Juxon, Lord Treasurer, the Earls of Arundel and Surrey and Salisbury, Viscount Wimbledon, Lord Cottingham, and Sec. Coke. Commission to examine into the misdoings of Robert Henley and Samuel Wightwick, or their deputies, in the execution of the office of chief clerk to enrol the pleas of the Court of King's Bench, at any time since they became officers. [1 p.]

Oct. 26.

46. Richard Kilvert to Sec. Windebank. On the 12th instant, at the entreaty of the Bishop of Lincoln, I went to him in the Tower, and he told me that he was resolved to compound with the King for his fine, and that he would either pay it by 1,000*l.* a year, which he would secure whether he should live or die; and he told me that the Lord Treasurer sent him word before I went down with the extents that his Majesty would accept that payment, but his sureties were not then ready. His second bargain was, that in case his Majesty would abate him the interest, then he would pay down all the rest in ready money. And he told me that he had made two leases of his estate, one to Rice Williams of his lands in Wales, and the other to Walker and Powell of his lands in Huntingdonshire; and that if the King would accept 1,000*l.* a year, then he would drown those leases, otherwise he would plead them against his Majesty in the Exchequer, and keep him from having one penny of the fine for above two years. He desired me to give assistance in procuring these bargains to be accepted, and for my pains promised to pay me 1,000*l.* of my 1,500*l.* in ready money, and to secure the rest to be paid in a short time, with a further gratuity of 20[0?]*l.* I have made known to his Majesty his Lordship's desires, and he commanded me to attend you with Mr. Middlemore, who was present at the bishop's offer, and his Majesty's will is that you receive information from Middlemore, whether the bishop has given me commission to make such offer as above mentioned, whether there be any such leases, and whether he will really pay and secure my 1,500*l.*, and then his Majesty will signify his pleasure. I pray that Middlemore may not discover that the bishop's offers are not likely to be accepted. [1 p.]

Oct. 26.
Whitehall.

Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Consider a paper from the Officers of the Navy touching repairs of divers ships. Sign estimate for enlarging Woolwich dock. Consider letter from Capt. Kettleby, wherein is his journal. Capt. Rainsborough has sent in his journal, and desires order for his pay. Give order on reference of Sir John Heydon's petition. The Registrar of the Delegates certifies that there has been nothing done by Burt against Hooke on the appeal since May last; give order upon Hooke's petition. Peruse letters from Officers of the Navy; one is concerning Mr. Austen's son. Consider petition concerning gunpowder to be sold in the country. Peruse draft order concerning the mending of gunpowder. Give order on petition of

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Rice Thomas, who has attended every sitting this half-year, having been sequestered from his place of gunner in the Tenth Whelp. [See 19th inst., this present Volume, No. 3. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Oct. 26.
Whitehall.

47. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty, that there being no gunpowder mills but his Majesty's allowed to make or renew gunpowder, his Majesty's gunpowder-makers, Mr. Cordewell and Mr. Collins, shall renew all such gunpowder as the East India Company and other merchants, having formerly bought the same out of his Majesty's store, shall desire to have made serviceable; the said merchants sending to Mr. Nicholas a note of the quantity of such decayed gunpowder, and the gunpowder-makers a similar note of what quantity they deliver back. [1 p.]

Oct. 26. Copy of the preceding order. [See Vol. ccxcii., p. 69. 1 p.]

Oct. 26.

The Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Henry Marten. Capt. Cousin, a Frenchman, commanding a shallop of Calais, having, in August last, taken a vessel coming from Hamburgh to Dunkirk, laden with powder, &c., was arrested by a ship of his Majesty's fleet and carried into the Downs to the Earl of Northumberland, who sent the shallop and her prize into Dover. Since that time his Majesty has caused the captain and his shallop to be released, but not the prize or her lading, respecting which, suit is now made to his Majesty that they may be restored to Capt. Cousin. You are to certify to us what you conceive fit to be done. [Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 60 b. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Whitehall.

The same to [the same]. You received two warrants, dated the 24th April last, to issue letters of reprisal out of the Court of Admiralty to George Henley and Augustine Phillips, of London, merchants, to seize ships of the States of the United Provinces. Upon command of his Majesty you have forborne to deliver the said commissions to Henley and Phillips; now, upon their petition, his Majesty has commanded that you take off the said restraint, and cause the said letters of reprisal to be presently issued. [Copy. See Vol. cxxx., fol. 5*.]

Oct. 26.
Whitehall.

48. The same to the Attorney-General. We send you a certificate which we received from yourself and Sir Henry Marten touching power to be granted to the mayor and others of Bristol to have cognizance of pleas belonging to the jurisdiction of the Admiralty (Vol. ccclxiii., No. 95), praying you to prepare a bill for his Majesty's signature granting such power. [Copy. 1 p.]

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Another copy of the preceding letter. [See Vol. cccliii., fol. 61 b. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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49. John Crane to the Lords of the Admiralty. Prays order to Sir William Russell to make payment to him next week of 1,993*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*, due by the estimate for last year, and for weighing the Anne Royal; and to imprest him 6,000*l.* for making provision for the year to come. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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50. List of the names of eight of the Queen's servants whom her Majesty desires may have the benefit of their freedom in the liberty of Westminster, certified by Sir Richard Wynn. According to the endorsement, his Majesty's pleasure was this day signified to those of the corporation by Mr. Secretary. In the list of "servants," who seem all to have been tradesmen employed by her Majesty, is "William Pettito" [Petitot], her Majesty's watchmaker. [1 p.]

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51. Report of a visitation of the church of All Saints, Northampton, made by Dr. [Samuel] Clarke and Dr. [Robert] Sibthorpe, commissaries of the Bishop [of Peterborough]. [The chancel was found seated with benches and desks, which were all ordered to be removed; the communion table to be placed at the east end of the chancel, and to be cancelled in with a rail extending downwards 10 foot; and a kneeling bench for the communicants to be affixed to the cancelling. Many things were found to be defective in other parts of the church which were ordered to be repaired or supplied. Among other things which are especially noticeable are the following:—"The communion cups are like common drinking bowls, and are to be made chalice-fashion. . . . It doth not appear that either the minister or people do reverently bow at the name of the Lord Jesus in time of divine service. . . . The minister doth not bid holy days. . . . It doth not appear to us that the minister doth turn his sermons in the afternoon into a catechetical way of questions and answers, but doth preach according to his own fancy. There is a company of cobbling, patched boards, clamped together, which serve as a seat at the upper end of the church under the belfry, which deface that beautiful church, and is fit for nothing but to hide sleepers. . . . The pavement of the church is uneven in most places, and broken in divers places, most part of it of a rough stone; a great deal of it fitter for 'the gripp' of a cow-house than the house of God." [7 pp.]

Oct. 26.

52. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 45*l.* ship-money paid by Robert Blodwell on behalf of Arthur Ward, bailiff of Oswestry, being collected in the said town by virtue of writ of 12th August last past [*sic*]. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Whitehall.

53. Appointments by Secs. Coke and Windebank, Comptrollers-General of the Posts, of John Freeman, as thorough-post at Bristol, and to provide with horses all men riding post about his Majesty's affairs, either from or towards Bristol, Chipman [Chippenham?], or elsewhere; and to carry all packets directed to or from the Secretaries of State to or from either of the places aforesaid; and shall not detain such packets above half a quarter of an hour; and to run with the same in summer at seven miles, and in winter at five miles an hour. [*This appointment is written under a printed copy of the King's Orders for Thorough-Posts, similar in part to the Order calendared Vol. ccclxiv., No. 90. 1 p.*]

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54. Francis Earl of Bedford to Sec. Windebank. Divers poor men of the Isle of Ely are bound to appear at the Board to answer

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contempts in the Fens. As they are sorry for their offences, and are willing to enter into bond to conform, desires the messengers may take their bonds in the country. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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Sydenham.

55. Thomas Wise, Sheriff of Devon, to Nicholas. Writs for levying 9,000*l.* in Devon, received on Monday sennight, the 15th inst. Yesterday he agreed with the mayors of the incorporations the proportions each of them should raise. Some particular occurrences which make a distraction he shall impart by letter to the Lords or Nicholas. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Oct. 27.

56. Brief declaration by Sir William Russell of the state of his account of ship-money for 1637. Received, 171,369*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*; issued for fitting out the fleet, seamen's wages, victualling, gunpowder; to Sir Paul Pindar, borrowed to pay seamen's wages in 1636, with interest, 18,620*l.*; altogether amounting to 172,395*l.* 14*s.* 5*d.* Remains to be paid, 27,495*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*; to be received, 23,812*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* [2 pp.]

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57. Notarial minute of proceedings of Dr. Samuel Clarke and Dr. Robert Sibthorpe, commissaries of the Bishop of Peterborough, to visit the churches of his diocese, in the residence of Dr. Clarke, at Kingsthorpe. Thomas Ball, vicar of All Saints, Northampton, appeared before the visitors, and was admonished by them to observe all the rites of the Church of England, and particularly bowing at the name of the Lord Jesus; that the communion table be not taken away from the east end of the chancel, and that it be cancelled; and that he appoint so many communions betwixt this and Candlemas, as that all the parishioners may receive the same, and give notice to the parishioners to come up and receive at the rails, kneeling upon the bench there; and that he do not come out of the cancelling to deliver the communion to any factious person. Time was assigned to him to certify herein on the first sitting day after the feast of the Purification. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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58. References to pages in a book endorsed "Tobacco Orders: which orders I took out." [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Oct. 28.

59. Deputy Lieutenants of co. Glamorgan to the Council. We have caused the trained bands to be often exercised, their arms being of the modern fashion, and the magazine furnished with the same proportion of powder and shot as in our former plot of the 6th July 1635 is mentioned. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Oct. 28.

60. Receipt of Sir William Russell, not signed by him, for 169*l.* paid by John Lane on behalf of Thomas Church, late mayor of Hereford, for ship-money collected there under writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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61. Similar receipt, but signed, for 100*l.* ship-money paid by Edward Wagstaffe, one of the late sheriffs of Gloucester, in part of 5,500*l.* charged upon that city and the county of Gloucester under writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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- Oct. 28. 62. Account by Sir William Russell of ship-money received and outstanding under writs of 12th August 1636. Total received, 172,802*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.*; outstanding, 23,812*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* [1 *p.*]
- Oct. 28. 63. Account of further sums of ship-money levied but remaining in the hands of the sheriffs: 6,158*l.*, making the sums levied, 178,960*l.*; uncollected, 17,440*l.* [1 *p.*]
- Oct. 28. 64. Sir John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. The Unicorn landed the French Ambassador in Dover Road on the 25th, at night. They were much put to it, and lost a cable and anchor, and their pinnace. Four French vessels laden with the ambassador's provisions came out with them from Dieppe, but only one of them came into Dover with them. One put in at Hastings, and the other two put back, as the ambassador now receives intelligence, but he was very fearful that he had lost in them near 30,000*l.* in plate, money, and jewels. On his request I have sent the Second Whelp to Dieppe to fetch them over. The six Zealand men-of-war met with some Dunkirk men-of-war, and between them there has been a sore fight here in the Channel. The Zealanders have taken three of them: two of them ships of the King of Spain. The 20 sail of Holland men-of-war are ready to come out under the command of a skipper of Rotterdam that never was employed in the States service. Our victualling ends the 14th December. A convoy shall be sent with the Elizabeth, of Aldborough, laden with provisions for his Majesty's ships in Ireland. [1 *p.*]
- Oct. 28. 65. Capt. John Heigham to Sec. Coke. I have sent the bark Portsmouth. that took in the saltpetre for London, the master and owner, Edward Capell, being very willing, who must have gone to Dunkirk else. As I formerly certified, there is a false packing, and, as I doubted, so this honest master can tell you, he is reckoned a Jew. He compounded with Capell to give him 25*l.* for his freight, to be paid him before he unshipped the goods, and now he has been stayed ten days. I was forced to take his own security to bring his bark about. [1 *p.*]
- Oct. 28. 66. Answers of John Lucar, of Crowcombe, Somerset, to articles against him by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. In the year 1631 there was a marriage celebrated at Crowcombe between Christopher Nurth and Agnes Sydenham, whereat examinant was present, and in the time of the celebration William Grant carrying himself very immodestly by jeering and laughing aloud, examinant reproved him and gave him a little stroke with his glove, and willed him to be quiet or else depart. [2 *pp.*]
- Oct. 29. 67. Justices of Peace and gentry of co. Chester to the Council. In reply to complaints of the citizens of Chester, concerning assessments made by the sheriff of the county for ship-money on the bishop, the inhabitants of Gloverstone, and Sir Thomas Aston. As to the bishop, they reply that in the last assessment, when the clergy were assessed by a committee of themselves, the bishop was rated in

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the county, but there arising a surplus, and he being applied to by the city for some contribution, he, by consent of the committee, sent such part as they had rated him to pay in the country (with some addition), by way of gratuity to the city. They seeking to make a precedent of this, it is argued that it is more reasonable he should bear part with the county, whence he receives great part of his revenues, than with the city, where all he receives is 40s. a year, for which they rate him 20 nobles. For Gloverstone, it is contended that for general service it is ever accepted as part of the county, and in the city charter is expressly excepted as no part of the city. In a similar case at Winchester the inhabitants have been ordered to pay with the county. For Sir Thomas Aston. No other farmers of customs are assessed in any port of England, and in that port neither the farmers of the great farm, nor those of Spanish wines, nor Sir John Trevor for the coal farm, nor Mr. Maxwell for calves' skins, are assessed in the city, but only Sir Thomas for the French wines, which they conceive to be done in spleen and affront for certifying their abuses when sheriff. In all these cases the writers conceive the county much injured by the city, and solicit redress. [*Signed by 29 of the principal persons of the county. 2 pp.*]

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68. Petition of Anthony Hinton and Peter Heywood to the Council. Whereas a writ is issued out for levying 5,000*l.* [*sic*] of the inhabitants of Middlesex for a ship for his Majesty's service, and that his Majesty and the Lords conceive that Westminster may bear 1,000*l.*, we have been several times with the Sheriffs of Middlesex to confirm the said 1,000*l.*, but cannot in any sort agree thereon. Pray the Lords to appoint the sheriffs and petitioners to attend the Board to put an end thereto. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

68. I. *Appointment of the Lords to hear this business on Sunday next, when the sheriffs and petitioners are to attend. Whitehall, 29th October 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

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69. Petition of Lionel Lambe, vicar of Somerby, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner having been vicar of Somerby, being under 8*l.* value, these six years past, and was quietly possessed thereof and resided there. Yet Richard Hall, clerk, has of late got a superintention upon pretence of cession, and upon Sunday last came into the church and put petitioner out of possession. All which he did by the procurement of William Greene, who pretends himself patron of the same vicarage. Prays for some present remedy. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

69. I. "Let an attachment go forth against Richard Hall, clerk, and William Greene, and a letter to Hall to bring in his superintention. 29th October 1637. W. CANT." [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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70. William Calley to Richard Harvey. Wishes him to procure for the writer—1. A piece of kersey, of a crimson and liver colour,

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or a marble grey or rat colour. 2. Some paste to seal letters withal, and not in Westminster Hall bits. 3. 20 grains of musk. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Oct. 30. 71. William Scudamore to Nicholas. About Michaelmas last, I wrote to you by Mr. Wotton, craving you to direct me how I might levy the arrears of ship-money for 1635. All such letters as have been directed to Mr. Wigmore and me, he keeps to himself, and I undergo blame for his fault. He takes easy words instead of money from the collectors, and thereby delays the service. Mr. Wotton writes me that I forgot to put my name to my letter to you; I avow it to be mine, and desire to hear from you. This enclosed, and the return thereupon made, will show you how hard a thing it is for me to further the levy of these arrears. [1 p.] *Enclosed,*

71. I. *Return of Richard Browne, one of the chief constables of Radlow hundred, of those that have not paid the shipping-money. 2l. 2s. 8d. was due from Ledbury, and 8l. 10s. 7d. from the rest of the hundred; some of the persons from whom small sums were due were dead of the plague, others day labourers, or persons without anything that could be distrained. William Allen, of Bosbury, who owed 1l. 10s. 11d., had fled the country, and all his goods had been seized by sequestration from the Council. 30th October 1637. [2½ pp.]*

71. II. *Similar return of Francis Jauncey, the other chief constable of the hundred of Radlow, in which the sum in arrear was 1l. 3s. 3d. [½ p.]*

Oct. 30. 72. Certificate of William Earl of Exeter of six defaulters at
St. John's. musters in co. Northampton, whom he desired might be sent for by
[Clerkenwell.] warrant from the Council Board. Among them were Philip Wil-
loughby and the heirs of Sir Henry Sherley. [1 p.]

Oct. 30. Commissioners for Gunpowder to — Pigott and William Blythe.
Whitehall. There are in the hands of Mr. Knight, of London, 6 hogsheads of
East India saltpetre, and in those of Mr. Loveland, also of London,
2½ tons of foreign saltpetre. You are to survey the same and certify
us of the true quantity and quality thereof, and what you consider
it worth by the hundred. [*Copy. See Vol. ccxcii., p. 70. ½ p.*]

Oct. 30. Lords of the Admiralty to Sir William Russell. We pray you,
Whitehall. according to the warrants you have received from the Council
Board, to pay to Mr. Crane 1,993l. 9s. 8d. out of the next ship-money
you shall receive. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 61. ½ p.*]

Oct. 30. The same to Montjoy Earl of Newport. We send you petition
of Rice Thomas, late gunner in the Tenth Whelp and a letter from the
registrar of the Admiralty, touching Sir Henry Marten's opinion
concerning Thomas's offence, praying you to certify your opinion
whether he has been sufficiently punished, and be a man fit to be

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restored to his place, and whether he deserve to receive his wages from the time he was sequestered. [*Copy. See Vol. ccclvii., fol. 61. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

Oct. 31.

73. Draft form of letter from the Council to the Sheriffs, in 1635, of the several counties still in arrear for ship-money for that year, together with the present sheriffs of the same counties. A late examination of the accounts having been taken in the presence of his Majesty concerning these arrears, it appeared that there was still unpaid for that year *l.* We require you, the late sheriff, upon pain of his Majesty's displeasure, and a severe proceeding against you, forthwith to pay to Sir William Russell so much as has been collected and not paid in, and to collect by distress or otherwise all the residue of the said arrear, for which we require the present sheriff to assist the late sheriff, so that all the arrears may be paid in by the first day of Candlemas term, or that you attend the Board the first Sunday in that term. [*Underwritten is a list of the 18 sheriffs to whom this form was addressed, with the amount in arrear in each case. Hereford was behind 180*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*; Somerset, 1,056*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*; Buckingham, 278*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.*; Oxford, 600*l.*; Essex, 1,249*l.* 15*s.*; Middlesex, 347*l.* 7*s.* [$1\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*

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74. Another draft form of a similar letter from the Council to the sheriffs of 1636 and the present sheriffs, with relation to the arrears under the last writ. The letter, with a few verbal alterations, was the same as the preceding. [*This list was addressed to 42 sheriffs and 2 bailiffs of towns. Among the county arrears Buckingham is stated at 2,230*l.*; Dorset, 1,200*l.*; Gloucester, 500*l.*; Hertford, 775*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.*; Leicester, 2,100*l.*; Middlesex, 1,151*l.*; Northampton, 1,680*l.*; Northumberland, 700*l.*; Oxford, 1,000*l.*; Somerset, 1,425*l.* 18*s.*; Stafford, 800*l.*; Warwick, 834*l.*; Wilts, 2,870*l.* 2 pp.]*

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Wells.

75. Bishop Pearce, of Bath and Wells, John Malet, and William Bassett, the last two sheriffs of Somerest, to the Council. Report on an inquiry respecting arrears of ship-money due in the shrievalty of Henry Hodges, Mr. Malet's predecessor, from ten hundreds of that county and the towns of Taunton and Langport. The result of this report is that five of the hundreds complained of had wholly or in part given satisfaction to William Coxe, under-sheriff to Mr. Malet, who was getting in these arrears, and that the other five with the two towns had rendered no account at all. [2 pp.]

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Barton.

76. Richard Shuttleworth, late sheriff of co. Lancaster, to the same. He has paid in the 4,000*l.* taxed on that county for ship-money, though there is yet 4*l.* odd unpaid. Prays that he may have warrants to levy the said arrears. [1 p.] *Enclosed,*

76. 1. *List of the persons in arrear above mentioned.* [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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77. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 500*l.* ship-money paid by Sir John Carleton, late sheriff of co. Cambridge, in full of 3,500*l.* charged on the said county by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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78. An account by Edward Sherburne of powder sold out of his Majesty's magazine in the Tower, at the prices of 12*d.* and 18*d.* per pound, from Michaelmas 1635 to Michaelmas 1637. The total quantity sold was 147 lasts 10 cwt., and the amount in money 19,010*l.* [1 *p.*]

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79. Certificate of such buildings as have been erected contrary to his Majesty's proclamations in the last vacation in several places in Middlesex, as they have been presented to us [*i.e.*, the Commissioners for Buildings], on the view of the high and petty constables, we ourselves forbearing the personal view thereof, by reason that many of them have been lately infected with the plague. The places mentioned are those in the suburbs of the city as it then existed. The certificate enumerates 49 cases of the erection of presumed prohibited buildings, extending from "Old Street at the end of the town towards Islington to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in one direction, and to St. Katherine's by the Tower in another." [3 *pp.*]

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80. Petition of Thomas Thornewton to Edward Earl of Dorset, Chamberlain to the Queen. You yesterday committed Robert Newton upon information that he had erected a tenement in Green Arbour Court in the Old Bailey, upon a new foundation, which information is untrue, for the house is very well known to be built on an old foundation, and Sir Kenelm Digby, who has been in the same, can certify that it is so. As petitioner is tenant to Newton, holding the house by lease for a long time, and has bestowed a great deal of money upon it, he prays that Newton may be released and the house be viewed by the Commissioners of Buildings. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

Underwritten,

80. I. *Certificate of Laurence Whitaker, one of the Commissioners for Buildings. Heretofore viewed this house. The lower part was formerly but a passage under a room built over it. It is now made a room of habitation, and if the third story, built at the top since my viewing it, be of timber (as I am informed it is), that doubles the offence. 31st October 1637. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]*

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81. Petition of the Mayor, Sheriff, and Inhabitants of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the King. By letters from the Council of the 18th September last, petitioners were commanded to pay to the Treasurer of the Navy 700*l.* for ship-money for last year. The principal means of petitioners are their collieries in cos. Durham and Northumberland, which are cessed in those counties. Their estates otherwise are so poor, by reason of the heavy visitation of the plague, which still remains among them, that they are unable to pay the said amount. Pray a remission of part of the same, and time for payment of the remainder. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

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82. Minute of application from Peter Pett to Sec. Windebank, that according to his Majesty's promise, made to Pett's father, he

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may have the silver cup with which the Royal Sovereign of the Seas was christened, being of the value of some 40s. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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83. Petition of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the hundreds of Rothwell and Guilsborough, co. Northampton, to the Council. Recites order of the 30th April last (*see Vol. cccliv., No. 132*), whereby a complaint of the petitioners of an overcharge in their assessment to the ship-money. They state various proceedings of Sir Robert Banister, from which they infer his unwillingness to have the subject re-opened, and his ultimately obtaining the order of the 30th July last (*see Vol. ccclxiv., No. 91*), which prevented the bishop of Peterborough, who was the ultimate referee, from proceeding any further upon the reference just at the time when he had made a new assessment, which would have remedied the injustice done to petitioners. Pray that the reference may be proceeded in, and that the sheriff may be ordered to levy the surcharge upon petitioners according to the tax devised by the bishop; and that Sir John Hanbury, the present sheriff, may be ordered to tax these two hundreds according to the ancient assessments. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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84. Petition of Inhabitants of Isayron [Issayndre ?], co. Cardigan, to the same. On complaint of petitioners, touching the great inequality of rates within the said county, the Justices of Great Sessions were directed to settle the same as they should see just cause. The justices at their last sessions ordered the payment of the said rates for the future. Pray that their order, which is annexed, may be confirmed by the Council Board, and that the present sheriff may observe the same. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

84. I. *Order of the Great Sessions for co. Cardigan of the 18th September 1637, that touching all loans, taxes, and other charges of the county, the division of Uchayron [Uchayndre ?] shall bear two parts, and that of Isayron the third part, until further matter be showed to the contrary.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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85. Petition of John Steedman, late sheriff of co. Cardigan, to the Council. The said county was charged with 654*l.* ship-money, whereof Cardigan was charged with 10*l.* Petitioner has paid 350*l.* to Sir William Russell, and the residue, in respect of differences touching the division of Isayron and Uchayron and some neglect of the assessors, remains unpaid. Prays time till Easter term for payment thereof, and authority to petitioner to compel the constables and collectors to make present payment. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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86. Sec. Coke to the Lord Mayor of London. His Majesty lately passing through the streets of the city, both saw and heard that, notwithstanding the orders given by the Council, there is not sufficient care taken in cleaning the streets and airing the houses, and using other means for prevention of contagion; and though he has heard of some who nourish a conceit as if the plague came only by Providence and not by infection, and that it is to no purpose to endeavour to prevent it by human means, yet he assures himself

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that none such are thought worthy to have any place in the government of the city. And, therefore, he conceives that the only cause of some slowness in using ordinary remedies is the long absence of the aldermen in the city, and the justices of peace in the suburbs, which are but lately come to town. Considering God's great mercy has in a manner ceased the mortality, that by our neglect those who come out of fresh air may not be drawn into danger, and that by good course taken for cleansing, both their Majesties may be invited to bring their Court back hither, that the terms may be kept here, and trade be renewed by the confluence of citizens and strangers, his Majesty has required me again to put you in mind of these things, not doubting but his lords will require an account of the directions they have given, but to incite you, in imitation of his royal care of you, to incite you to take care of yourselves. First, by causing the streets to be kept sweet, and to appoint in every street some to take order that in all lodgings where the infection has been the glass may be taken down, the rooms and stuff well aired, and fires made therein, with such other means as by the advice of the College of Physicians shall be thought necessary. And for the suburbs, to cause your ministers to observe what things are neglected, and if by friendly advertising no amendment follow, to give notice thereof to the Council. [*Draft in the handwriting of Sec. Coke.* 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Preston.

87. Deputy Lieutenants of co. Lancaster to James Lord Strange, Lord Lieutenant of the same. Report that they have taken exact views of all the arms and trained forces of the county, and have caused them to be trained by Capt. Ralph Standish, their muster-master, and other able officers, regulating their proceedings by directions given on 27th April 1635, only that the Council have this year eased the county of the great charge of beacons' watching and of provost marshals. There is in staple at Liverpool 3,000 weight of powder, but it is something decayed. The late Lord Molyneux, on the 16th June 1635, undertook to get the same renewed, for which purpose there is yet 100 lbs. in his executors' hands, as to which they crave directions. Among defaulters, Lord Morley stands charged with three light-horses and three lance-horses, but has not showed any this long time, and now he affirms that he is charged in the south parts for his whole estate, which we leave to your consideration. [*Seals with arms.* 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

87. 1. *List of defaulters, which contains Sir Robert Banister, Sir Henry Compton, John Hulme, of Manchester, Ralph Hoogh, of London, merchant, for his lands called Garrett Hall in Lancashire, and four others.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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88. A form of Penance or Reconciliation of a Renegado, or Apostate from the Christian religion to Turcism, as drawn or settled by Archbishop Laud. This copy contains a few words inserted by the hand of the archbishop, is signed by him, and is endorsed in his

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hand, "In Michaelmas Term, An. 1637." The form is printed in Laud's Works, Vol. V., p. 372. [6 pp.]

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89. Copy of the same. [5½ pp.]

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90. Articles exhibited by Walter Walker, official commissary for the Archdeaconry of Bedford, against Anthony Bourne and Edmund Hewitt, churchwardens of Knotting, co. Bedford. It is objected against them that they were bound to prevent all manner of profanations of the church of Knotting; and further, that they knew that upon Shrove Tuesday in the years 1634, 1635, and 1636, in the chancel of the said church, in or about the sacred place where the communion table stands, there were fighting cocks brought thither and cock fightings there held, and many persons assembled to behold the same, and to bet and lay wagers thereon; and particularly that they, Bourne and Hewitt, and a son of Bourne, and Mr. Alvey, minister of Knotting, and some of his sons, and many others, both youths and men and others, were present as actors and spectators, and laughed and sported thereat, and most profanely abused the said consecrated place. It is further objected that the defendants were bound to discover who were the persons present on those occasions and whose the cocks were, and that they had never prevented the premises, but wilfully concealed the same. [3 pp.]

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91. Information as to scandalous and defamatory words spoken by Thomas Robinson, of Brinklow, co. Warwick. He stated that the Universities were sinks of sin and pits of iniquity, and that there never came thence but two good men, of whom Mr. Gardener was one; that all the conformable clergy were dunghill priests, and that they were termed pillars of the church, but were spillers of it; also, that before he would be a prey to any knave in the kingdom, he would receive the communion on his knees, though it were against his conscience. Being required to do reverence in Trinity Church, Coventry, he said there was no difference betwixt it and his hogstye, stable, or kitchen; and that he had assaulted the constable of Brinklow and his son, who assisted the messenger in attaching him. [1 p.]

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92. Articles additional against Thomas Robinson in the Court of High Commission, founded upon the information contained in the preceding article, and some other facts derived from other sources. [1¼ p.]

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93. Brief notes from some register of proceedings of the Court of High Commission respecting the cases of John Middleton and Thomas [John] Thorne, Ezekiel Johnson, and Peter Fawtrart [Fawtret?], all before noticed in this calendar (Vol. for 1635), with the following endorsement:—"Dr. Beale to Paules Pary [Paulerspury], October 1637, by order from the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury. Carlisle patent, July 1637." [= ½ p.]

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94. The names of all the sheriffs [of England] for this year 1637. [1 p.]

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95. Petition of Hugh Aston, Clerk of the Robes to her Majesty, to the Countess of Denbigh, Mistress of the Robes. Prays for a "livery equal to Mr. White, the surveyor, which is 40*l.* a year," or if that be thought too much, ten pounds less, or if his service "cannot merit the title of a livery," that the Countess would move the Queen to bestow a suit of clothes upon him as a bounty. [*Copy. Endorsed, "For Mr. Secretary."* 2 pp.]

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96. Minute of the contents of the preceding petition, with some further particulars of the officers and establishment of her Majesty's Robes. Zachary Bethell was surveyor, Sir George Abercromby provider, and the said Hugh Aston clerk. [= 1½ p.]

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97. Paper of advice with reference to the secret conveyance made by the Bishop of Lincoln of his lands to prevent their being attached by the King's extent for his fine. It is suggested that although the same might possibly carry some colour against the fine already imposed, which had reference to offences lately committed, yet it would be otherwise against a fine to be set upon him upon the first information which had been filed against him, and subsequently dropped, for the offences therein charged were committed and the information was exhibited before the conveyance was made. It was also suggested that in the first cause it is conceived he would be fined more than 10,000*l.* There were also other defendants to the second information who deserved exemplary punishment, and are of so good estates as that if prosecuted to sentence they would afford his Majesty 5,000*l.* fine at least. [*Endorsed by Philip Warwick, clerk or secretary to the Lord Treasurer.* ½ p.]

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[Nov. 1.]

1. Petition of the Inhabitants of the hundred of Horethorne, Somerset, to the Council. On a petition exhibited in the name of petitioners and the inhabitants of the hundreds of Bruton, Norton Ferris, and Catsash, and upon references and orders thereon, 80*l.* was deposited by Mr. Hodges, late sheriff of that county, until he should make it appear how the same should be raised otherwise, which he has failed to do. A warrant is made by the now sheriff for levying 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* on petitioners as an arrear of 240*l.* assessed by Mr. Hodges for the year that he was sheriff. Petitioners have already paid 213*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for ship-money assessed by Mr. Hodges, and but 160*l.*, parcel thereof, was due for their proportion according to the general rate of the county; and if there be any arrear of ship-money assessed by Mr. Hodges, it is to be answered by the inhabitants of Bruton and Norton Ferris. Pray to be discharged of

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the 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and to be restored to the 53*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* which they have already paid over their due proportion, out of the 80*l.* deposited as aforesaid, or that the consideration thereof be referred to the now sheriff. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

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2. Sir Henry Marten to the Lords of the Admiralty. Report on the claim preferred through the French ambassador to a vessel called the Charles, taken by an English ship by letters of reprisal and brought to London. The ship and goods in her (being fish) were in the possession of Dunkirkers when the English took her. They had been in possession of her for four days, and were then carrying her to Dunkirk. The 30th June the English takers, Gregory Clement, Robert South and Company, entered a proceeding in the Admiralty against the ship and goods, and desired to have them adjudged to them as the goods of Dunkirkers. Then appeared a proctor from the French ambassador, and alleged that the same belonged to some inhabitants of Sables d'Olonne, without naming any particular person. It was ordered that the fish should be sold and the money brought into court, which was done, and on the 7th July it was further ordered that the takers should have possession of the money made of the fish, and that the ship should be appraised, and that the takers should have possession of her, upon caution not to carry her out of the Thames for two months, which was held a time convenient to bring witnesses out of France to depose to her identity. The two months being expired and no French proprietor appearing, upon the 8th September the ship was arrested at the suit of Francis Bresoneau and others, and on the 17th October an allegation was given into court on behalf of Bresoneau and the others claiming the ship and goods, which was admitted upon condition that, before the 21st of the same, they put in caution to pay charges if their claim proved unjust, but they have not done so. Sir Henry comments on the French version of the case, and concludes that the Court of Admiralty desires to do right to the French, if they would but seek it as they ought to do. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ *pp.*]

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3. Account by Richard Poole of saltpetre brought into his Majesty's store, and delivered to Samuel Cordewell, the powder-maker, from 1st May 1637 to this day. The total brought in was 128 lasts 1 quarter and 13 lbs., of which 35 lasts 15 cwts. had been brought in by merchants, and the remainder by the saltpetre men. [1 *p.*]

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4. Account from the Office of Ordnance of gunpowder from Michaelmas 1635 to Michaelmas 1637. The amount produced by the sales was 6,620*l.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

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5. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 500*l.* ship-money paid by John Mun on behalf of Henry Chester, late sheriff of co. Bedford, collected under writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

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6. Note that Henry Burton came to Lancaster Castle on 7th August 1637 and was discharged this day, having continued there 12 weeks and two days. [$\frac{1}{6}$ *p.*]

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- Nov. 1. 7. Receipt of Thomas Danson, under-sheriff of co. Lancaster, for the body of Henry Burton, received from Thomas Cavell, keeper of the gaol in the castle of Lancaster, according to letters of the Lords of the Council of the 17th September last. [*Seal of Sheriff of co. Lancaster.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]
- Nov. 1. 8. Letter of Attorney authorizing Philip Eden, of St. Dunstan's, London, to receive 42*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* due to Anthony Fereby, of the Tower, as surveyor for the Office of Ordnance, for three and a half years of his fee of 8*d.* per diem to Michaelmas last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Nov. 2. 9. Sir John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Your commands of 25th October, for staying Dunkirk ships to make restitution for two busses of Mr. Brames's which they took, shall meet in the performance with all care and diligence. I have given warrant to all the captains under my command to that effect. But I shall find some difficulty in accomplishing the same, in regard there are few ships belonging to that town but men-of-war, which seldom come where we are, and at sea are too swift for us, our ships being very foul, and theirs kept clean by washing and tallowing every six weeks or two months. I am informed they have lately taken a ship of Scotland bound for France, but have no certain intelligence. [*Seals with arms.* 1 p.]
- Nov. 2. 10. Order made at Oxford for rating the corporations in that county towards ship-money. Oxford is to pay 100*l.*; Banbury, 50*l.*; Burford, 35*l.*; Chipping Norton, 30*l.*; Henley, 55*l.*; Woodstock, 15*l.* Signed by Sir Thomas Penyston, sheriff; Henry Southam, mayor of Oxford, and the corporate officers of Burford, Woodstock, and Henley. [*Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]
- Nov. 2. 11. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 55*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* paid by Robert Sayer for William Paston, late sheriff of Norfolk, in full of the ship-money of that county under writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Nov. 2. 12. Similar receipt for 9*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* paid by Richard Harwood on behalf of Richard Whitehead, late sheriff of Hants, in part of 600*l.* ship-money of that county under writ of 4th August 1635. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Nov. 2. 13. Francis Brooke to Sec. Coke. Here is brought into this harbour a French vessel laden with Bank fish, said to be surprised by Dunkirkers, and so sent in hither, and here sold to Richard James, Owen Jennens, one of the town justices, and Capt. William Tower-son, deputy vice-admiral, and another of the town justices, lately deceased. After alluding to a somewhat similar case in which his unhappy brother and himself were concerned, he submits that this ship ought to have been sequestered according to the law merchant, besides that the sale of fish in that manner will come very short of forestalling. They are unlading the same into storehouses, and have dismissed the people that brought her in. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- The Swiftsure,
in the Downs.
- Portsmouth.

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Nov. 2.
Burton.

14. Sir John Monson to Archbishop Laud. I have endeavoured the advancement of our country's contribution to the repair of St. Paul's, but not with very wished success. I do not think the people are so much frozen in their zeal to so good a work, as deterred with a more near approaching mischief in the decay of our own mother church. I beseech you to exercise your zeal thereon, and by some indifferent commissioners take information, and by your wisdom stay this growing mischief. [*Endorsed by the archbishop as relating to St. Paul's and Lincoln Minster, also as received on "Octob."* [November?] 13, 1637. 1 p.]

Nov. 2.
London.

15. George Lord Goring to Sir John Pennington. The ship you manned up, is come safe to this port, and the men sent with her are returned with that recompence from the general farmers and myself as pleased them, and we are thankful in another condition and quality; and since my gracious master has accepted of me into the general farm, I shall ever be most forward in the thanks. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Nov. 3.

16. Petition of Robert Ramsay to the King. In the four ships last set out by the city of London for your service, viz., the Margaret, the William, the Prudence, and the Royal Defence, there were seamen who had entertainment in the ships, and to follow their own private occasions absented themselves from your service. Prays a grant of the benefit of these men's victuals and wages. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
Underwritten,

16. 1. *Reference to the Lords Commissioners of the Navy* [*Admiralty*]. *Whitehall, 3rd November 1637.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Nov. $\frac{3}{13}$.
The Hague.

17. Queen Elizabeth of Bohemia to Sir Thomas Roe. For the Polish Ambassador I am much bound to the King, the resentment he showed him for his master's foolish carriage towards me and mine, though you know he never cozened me. The King has put a good sound affront upon him in making him beg for an interview so long. I cannot imagine what good propositions he can make. He that could not have power to marry the sister, cannot have power to assist the brother by arms, and by treaty the Lord deliver us from entering again into that ugly old way; I am more afraid of that than of any plague. As to the treaty now in hand, I know not what to make of it. Camerarius tells me that there is a commission sent to Salvius, to Hamburgh, and that the chancellor's son is to follow. Camerarius's son is looked for here every day, and by him we shall know all. I will not fail to acquaint [you] with what he brings. I thank you for the good counsel you have written to my son; I hope he will follow it. He had gone instantly to the Landgrave's army, but [the] Prince dissuaded him. If he can get some good sum out of England, no doubt he may have troops. P.S.—I wish you were here with your wife to whip your daughter Mab, who is very good, and much in my good graces. I have a treason in hand against you to make you walk a little out of England. Ambassadors are always better than agents in treaties. [2 pp.]

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[Nov. 3.]

18. Answer of the Eastland Merchants to two orders of the Council of the 2nd May (*see Vol. ccclv., No. 17*) and the 18th October last past (*see Vol. ccclxix., No. 95*). In obedience to the former order, divers of the company attended the then lord mayor to desire the present company of soapmakers to take off their potashes, and consult about providing potashes for the time to come. They made it most apparent that, without some fitting course were taken, the merchants could not subsist, one-third of their returns depending on that commodity, which if imported and sold here to one buyer, with liberty to make his own price, the merchant could not but suffer. Complain that the present soapmakers seek only their own ends, and pray that they may not in a case of so great consequence be left to the will and pleasure of those who, by their ruin, may raise their own fortune. Although they might be suitors to have liberty to sell to dyers, whitsters, and others who use that commodity, yet, if such be the pleasure of the Lords, they pray that the soapmakers may be enjoined (as petitioners must sell to none but them) to pay them moderate and fitting prices. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 3.
Claverton.

19. William Bassett, late Sheriff of Somerset, to the Council. There are divers hundreds in that county yet in arrear of ship-money, and certain constables have money in their hands, who make scruple of levying the arrear and paying the same to me, supposing I have now no power to collect or distrain for the same. There is not in the present sheriff's instructions any direction to give me warrant for that purpose. Solicits directions to finish the service. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Nov. 3.
Claverton.

20. The same to Nicholas. Has paid in to Sir William Russell 500*l.* (though not yet all collected), and states the contents of the preceding letter, which he begs Nicholas to forward with effect. Such as have not yet paid will be willing to take any advantage against the writer. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 3.
Whitehall.

21. Lords of the Admiralty to Sir John Pennington. We have ordered the Swiftsure, the Bonaventure, the First and Second Whelps, and the Greyhound, to be supplied with victuals from the 14th of next month to 1st April, they being to be continued under his command for that time. As for the Unicorn, the Providence, and the Expedition, you are to send them into Chatham some days before their victuals be spent. You shall do well to continue your weekly advertisements to us. [1 p.]

Nov. 3.

Copy of the same. [*See Vol. ccclviii., fol. 61 b.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 3.
Whitehall.

The same to Officers of the Navy. Capt. Walter Stewart having been employed as captain of the James in the late expedition at sea, some question is made from what time he should be paid, in regard he went not aboard till long after his ship entered into sea victuals. The Earl of Northumberland having affirmed that Capt. Stewart was absent with his leave, you are to give warrant for his pay from

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the time his ship entered into sea victuals until his discharge.
[*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 62. ½ p.*]

Nov. 3.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Earl of Newport. To permit Henry Hall, owner of the Blessing, of London, of 160 tons, to furnish his said ship with ten pieces of iron ordnance. [*Copy. See Ibid. ½ p.*]

[Nov. 3.]

22. Certificate of Kenrick Edisbury, that Sir Robert Mansell, Lord General of the Fleet to Algiers, had for his entertainment in the Red Lion for 318 days, from 20th August 1620 to 3rd July 1621, 53s. 4d. per diem, 848l. [*¼ p.*]

Nov. 3.

23. The like of Edward Daniel and three others, that "this wool of these several colours" may be dyed with sea coal as well as with wood, or better, for "we here in London" dye wool, cloths, silks, and other stuffs with sea coals, by which we find many advantages both for profit and commodity. [*½ p.*]

Nov. 3.

24. Petition of Thomas Valentine, clerk, parson of Chalfont St. Giles, co. Buckingham, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner being suspended by the Archdeacon's Court, for that the book concerning recreations on Sunday was not then published in the said parish church, and the same being thereupon there published by petitioner's curate, and petitioner absolved from that suspension, the said court has again suspended him *ab officio* for not doing the same, and threaten to excommunicate him. Petitioner prays the archbishop to stay the further proceedings of the said court, and to absolve petitioner from the said suspension. [*¾ p.*] *Underwritten,*

24. I. Reference to Sir John Lambe to give the archbishop an account of this petition with all convenient speed.
3rd November 1637. [*½ p.*]

[Nov. 4.]

25. Petition of John Jenny, collector for poor persons infected with the plague in the liberties of Wentworth Street, Spitalfields, and Artillery Lane, Middlesex, to the Council. In September 1626, Sir Thomas Jay and Nathaniel Snape, justices of peace for Middlesex, by Statute 1^o Jacobi, made an assessment for relief of poor persons infected with the plague, and appointed petitioner and others to collect the same, and, if any should refuse, to distrain, and, for want of distress, to bring the refusers before the justices. Petitioner demanded of Susan Pearson (her husband being at sea) 6s., and although she paid all former rates assessed on her husband, she refused to pay; whereupon, not being able to come by any distress, petitioner with the constable carried her before Mr. Snape. In revenge whereof, by the persuasion of Miles Temple (who, for his miscarriage in this business, was by the Sessions bound to good behaviour), she has commenced an action of false imprisonment against petitioner, the constable, and James Dainteer, his assistant, and the cause being ready for trial, Mr. Temple (perceiving petitioner prepared with witnesses and counsel) refused to proceed, hoping by delays to extort some compromise, and giving out that Susan shall

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not take 300*l.* for her damages. Prays the Council to send for Susan Pearson and Temple, and make order herein. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] Underwritten,

25. I. *Reference to the Justices of Peace for Middlesex, at their next sessions at Hicks's Hall, to take order for petitioner's relief. At Star Chamber, 25th October 1637.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

25. II. *Report of the said Justices of Peace, signed John Herne, Harbottle Grimston, and George Long. We sent for Susan Pearson, who sent us answer by Miles Temple, her son-in-law, that she desired to go to a trial at law, to hinder which it not being in our power, we inform you of the state of the case. George Pearson was assessed at 6*s.* He being at sea, Susan his wife refused to pay, and offered to go to Mr. Snape to hear the difference. Mr. Snape finding her a feme covert, she was not liable to pay, wherewith the collectors rested content, but by the animation of Mr. Temple she brought an action, and carried the same before Lord Chief Justice Bramston, where the collectors were put to 10*l.* charges, and then the plaintiff did not put in her record. Recommend the just relief of petitioner to the Lords. 4th November 1637.* [1 p.]

Nov. 4. 26. William Paston, late Sheriff of Norfolk, to Nicholas. I have paid all the ship-money to Sir William Russell, but I have not levied so much as the sum amounted to. I beseech you petition the Lords to grant their mandate to my successor to collect the arrearage, 16*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

[Nov. 4.] 27. Account by Sir William Russell of arrears of ship-money under writs issued in 1635. Total, 8,737*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.*, which is reduced by Nicholas, by various remissions, to 5,937*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* [*Damaged by damp.* 1 p.]

[Nov. 4.] 28. Similar account of payments and remains under writs issued in 1636. Total received, 174,018*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.*; remains, 22,595*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.* [1 p.]

Nov. 4. 29. Note of sums collected and remaining in the hands of the several sheriffs, 5,953*l.*, which makes the totals collected 1,799,721*l.*, and remaining 16,429*l.* [1 p.]

Nov. 4. 30. Notes by Nicholas of Admiralty business to be transacted this day. Letter from vice-admiral of North of Cornwall, Francis Bassett; petition of Capt. Rugge and some others; report of Sir Henry Marten concerning the Charles; the storekeeper tells me the powder in the Tower lies where it was wont, very dry and safe, and not in a cellar; settle pay of Capt. Rainsborough; Capt. Kettleby in his journal certifies that he received in Ireland but a third part of his pay, and desires your Lordships to give order for the remainder; letter from the Trinity House touching provisions sent for the ships in Ireland; consider Thomas Wyan's account and petition; also

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Mr. Crane's memorial ; also certificate from commissioners appointed to examine vice-admirals' accounts touching Sir John Drake's accounts. [1 p.]

Nov. 4.

31. Declaration ordered by the Lords of the Admiralty to be entered on the Admiralty register, that having attended his Majesty and spoken to him about the ships that are employed on the coast of Ireland and kept in harbour there, his Majesty told them that he intends that the ships and their officers, and also the jurisdiction of Admiralty in Ireland, should be still governed by the Lord Admiral of England's power and be subordinate in all things to the same ; and that his Majesty has in his cabinet a letter from the Lord Deputy, by which he submits in all maritime businesses to the authority of the Lord Admiral here. [Draft. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 4.

32. Sir Henry Marten to the Lords of the Admiralty. Report respecting the value of the Nostra Senora de Concepcion, and whether any part thereof was deposited in the hands of Francis Creswick and Giles Ellbridge for his Majesty's rights and the admiral's therein. Sir Henry craves pardon for a former certificate, in which he had been misled into the belief that a sum of money had been so left, but now, upon examination of Thomas Colston, Hugh Brown, John Drayton, Edward Lewis, and others, he finds that the money was remitted for other purposes, but "cannot in a summary way dive into the deep bottom of that merchantly mystery." Finding the reasons for his former opinion no better justified, he expressed his sorrow for the charges and trouble of the Bristol merchants thereby sustained. [2 $\frac{2}{3}$ pp.]

Nov. 4.

33. John Crane to the same. I have delivered to the Sovereign of the Seas and for the Prince Royal by petty warrant to the value of 500*l.*, for which I have received no money nor know not where to demand it. I beseech you to give order to the Officers of the Navy to make estimates for those ships until 31st December, and also that you will give order for payment, and settle the charge of victualling the ordinary for 1638. [1 p.]

Nov. 4.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. To take order for the timely repairing of 13 of his Majesty's ships here mentioned, so as they may be ready to be set forth to sea at the beginning of next spring. The charge is to be borne on an estimate to be made for the great fleet to be set forth next year. [Copy. See Vol. ccclviii., fol. 62 b. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

Nov. 4.
Whitehall.

The same to the same. Capt. William Rainsborough having been employed in the Leopard as admiral of the fleet lately employed at Sallee, you are to give warrant for his pay after the rate of 40*s. per diem.* [Copy. Ibid. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Nov. 4.
Whitehall.

Order of the same Lords on the petition of Thomas Goodwin. He was pressed out of the Amity, of London, into the Hercules, employed to Sallee, and received two shots, one in the arm and the other into the body through the breast. He prayed for a pension.

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The Lords desired the Officers of the Navy to give order for petitioner's relief, out of the Chest at Chatham. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 63. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

Nov. 4. Entry of appearance of Robert Rigge, pursuant to his bond. He was to attend until discharged. [*Ibid. $\frac{1}{6}$ p.*]

Nov. 4.
The King's
Commission
House, Fleet
Street.

34. Order of the Commissioners for management of the King's estate before his accession to the crown. Thomas Talbot and Richard Allen presented a particular of a parcel of marsh ground called Jarrow Slike, containing 300 acres, lying near Jarrow, co. Durham, and desired to be admitted to compound for the same. The Lords ordered that they should pay 400*l.* for a fine to his Majesty, that they should pass their patent forthwith, and that there should be reserved on their patent a yearly rent of 4*d.* per acre. [*$\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

Nov. 4.
Lambeth.

35. William Dell to Sir John Lambe. These are to usher this lady to your presence, who is the forsaken mistress of Sir Edward Powell. My Lord desires you to take her examination, in doing whereof you will discover him to be a very beast, or her a notable quean, or both. [*$\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

Nov. 4.
Petworth.

36. Bishop Mountague, of Chichester, to Archbishop Laud. Ralph Nevill, Bishop of Chichester and Chancellor of England, at the beginning of the reign of Henry III., assigned the prebend of West Wittering in the church of Chichester, for a theological lecture to be delivered in Chichester cathedral, which Boniface, then Archbishop of Canterbury, confirmed. The present Bishop of Chichester desiring that the original ordinance should be maintained inviolate, and the present holder of the prebend, Aquila Cruso, a man of almost unequalled learning, being anxious to carry out the intention of the founder, the bishop appointed certain stated times at which the lecture should be delivered, with other regulations, and craved that the archbishop, after the example of his predecessor Boniface, would confirm the same. [*Latin. 1 p.*]

Nov. 4.

37. Thomas Gindrey to Lord Chief Baron Davenport. William Paston, late sheriff of Norfolk, has entered into his account, and was this day sworn to pass it according to the course of the Exchequer. In passing his account, his personal attendance is not required. It is always done by the under-sheriff. I conceive his travelling can be no prejudice to his Majesty, so long as his estate remains behind him. [*$\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

Nov. 4.

Nicholas to Sir Henry Marten. I am commanded by Sec. Coke to convey an enclosed letter from Francis Brookes, of Portsmouth (*see No. 13*), to you, that you may take such order in the business as you shall conceive best agreeable to justice and his Majesty's service. P.S.—I conceive the letter might have been proper to put into the hands of his Majesty's proctor of the Admiralty than to have troubled you therewith, but I have done as I am commanded. [*Copy. See Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 161. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

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Nov. 5. 38. Lord Chief Baron Davenport and Barons Denham and Sergeant's Inn. Weston to Sec. Windebank. We have conferred with the ancient clerks of the Exchequer touching Mr. Paston's licence to travel; whereupon, and upon consideration of a certificate enclosed from the secondary of Sir Peter Osborne's office [probably the letter last but one calendared], we conceive that his travelling can be in no way prejudicial to his Majesty in his account. [1 p.]

Nov. 6.
Whitehall.

The King to the Brethren of the Trinity House and others his Majesty's subjects. We understand, by our ambassador residing at Constantinople, that edicts have lately been made in some foreign countries to prohibit the payment of consulage for goods freighted in foreign ports of the Levant in ships of our subjects, and to require other flags than the known crosses of St. George and St. Andrew to be borne by the said ships of our subjects so freighted by strangers. We have given directions to our ambassadors to negotiate for the dissolving of such edicts, and command all our subjects that they neither take freight nor make contract agreeable to such decrees, nor yield any consent thereto, as they will avoid our high displeasure; and upon like danger we require that they carry and bear the flags of St. George and St. Andrew respectively, and no other. [*Copy. Signed "S. Crow," but mis-dated the 6th November in the 12th year of the reign, 1637. 1½ p. See Vol. of Correspondence of Levant Company, 1590-1804, No. 96.*]

Nov. 6.
Westminster.

The same to the High Treasurer and Admiral of England. Recites grants of Queen Elizabeth and King James, whereby Gilbert Lee was licensed to make and transport for certain terms of years all manner of pelts of sheepskins and lambskins, and to pull, clip, and spear such skins, not exceeding 200,000 in any year. The said terms of years having expired, the same licence is granted to Thomas Carleton for the term of 21 years, 20s. being paid for every thousand of the said pelts transported, together with all customs. [*See Case D., Car. I., No. 16. 1¼ skin of parchment.*]

[Nov. 6?]

39. Information of various irregularities affecting the conduct of divine service, said to be committed by clergymen and others in the city of London. Divers curates have sub-curates, and those scarce licensed, by which themselves avoid the penalties of inconformity. Some preachers, and amongst them Mr. Fountaine, Mr. Burton's curate in St. Matthew's, Friday Street, pray before and after sermons loosely and factiously, as for the conversion of the Queen, for a neighbour minister in persecution, &c. The companies, when they are to dine with the Lord Mayor or sheriffs, use to meet at some neighbouring churches, to put on and off their gowns and cloaks. The wards on St. Thomas's Day in many parishes meet in the church "to make their outcries and brabbles" about the choice of their officers. The pews in churches are so made that men as much sit as kneel at prayers, which by taking away the lower ledge on which their knees rest would be remedied. Boys put on their hats in sermon time, which in their masters' shops they do not at any time.

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Baptism is generally administered not after the second lesson but after the sermon in the afternoon. The Holy Communion is given to many in their pews, and those so made in some churches (for example, in Blackfriars) that those who are in them cannot receive it on their knees. Amongst several specific charges of irregularity against Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Genoa, Mr. Bifield, and Mr. Simmonds, it is alleged that Mr. Finch has a lecture in Christ Church on Sunday mornings, to which they come from all parts, which is maintained by collections at the church-door, one crying, "Pray remember the minister!" The sermons out of Lent at Mercers' Chapel are of late erection and draw many people to them, who therefore leave their own churches thin and naked. Mr. Palmer, vicar of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, at morning prayer at 7 o'clock, often omits the prayer for the bishops and the rest of the clergy, and reads divine service sometimes in his gown and sometimes without either surplice or gown, in his cloak. Many of the parish clerks, albeit the power given them in their late charter, are not suffered to gather their wages. Many communion tables in the city are not railed in, and some are placed in the middle of the chancel. [= 2½ pp.]

Nov. 6. 40. Sir John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. I shall
The Swiftsure, be careful to send the ships you have ordered, and also for continu-
in the Downs, ing here with the rest to perform such services as you shall command. The Expedition has twice put out with the Elizabeth, of Aldborough, for Ireland, and the Second Whelp thrice for Dieppe, to fetch the ambassador's things, and both forced back. The ambassador tarries still at Dover, and so will do till he gets his baggage over. I have manned and sent to the Custom-house two plantation ships, laden with tobacco, viz., the Paul, of London, from St. Christophers, and the William, of London, from Barbadoes, both these masters being stubborn fellows that refused to enter into bond. The Holland fleet cannot get out with these winds. They daily expect the Dunkirk fleet that is coming from the Groyne, which had 14 days since 1,800 chests of silver aboard, and expected more. It is conceived they will be the richest ships that have come into Flanders these many years. No news of English ships expected from St. Lucar these two months. [1 p.]

Nov. 6. 41. The same to Nicholas. You have infinitely obliged me
The Downs, by yours of the 4th, for I confess I am not so good a statesman or courtier as to place all things right and for my most advantage, but I go the ordinary plain way, and thought I had done well in returning to the Council an answer to their letter; but now you have opened my eyes, and I find my error, and shall be more cautious hereafter in writing in that kind, till I have acquainted my patrons with it. For the other caution for directing my letters to Sec. Windbank, I do not well understand, therefore shall go on in my former way till I hear again from you, and you resolve me how best to please them all and advantage myself, and that way I will follow.

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So soon as any come from Barbary or Guinea, I shall not forget your wife's commissions, and shall provide both her and you with something else against Christmas. Very foul weather, and therefore no news. Your last advice I take wondrous kindly. [2 pp.]

Nov. 6.
Melksham,
Wilts, 5 miles
from the
Devizes.

42. Godwin Awdry to Nicholas, dwelling at the sign of the Golden Wheatsheaf in King Street. I know a course whereby there shall be bought out of his Majesty's stores 200 lasts of powder every year constantly, which will prove exceeding beneficial to the State, all which I will relate and accomplish, if the King will give me leave, paying 18*d.* per lb. In this way his Majesty, as at a sluice, may let out as much powder as may be spared and then shut the sluice. [1 p.] *Annexed,*

42. I. *The same to his brother Barker. Entreats him to go to Nicholas to get an answer to the writer's petition delivered to the Lords of the Admiralty. He wishes the answer signed by the Lords' hands, for he shall be very doubtful to sell any powder to the soldiers or else, except he has good assurance to be free from danger. Lord Newport's secretary told him that the Deputy Lieutenants themselves could not give him liberty to sell the old powder out of the magazine in the county. [Copy. 1 p.]*

Nov. 6.

43. Petition of David Biffin, of Cannington, Somerset, labourer, to the Archbishop of Canterbury. About a year and a half since Richard Grave, of Enmore, blacksmith, a man of good ability, moved petitioner to be a suitor in marriage to Joan Cole, his wife's sister, that lived in his house, and petitioner married her by Grave's procurement, but knew her not before marriage. Six months after marriage she was delivered of a daughter, living, and at her delivery, being in great danger of life, confessed that Grave was the father. Thereupon he was presented by the churchwardens to the Archdeacon of Taunton, in whose court he was enjoined purgation, and on failure thereof was ultimately excommunicated. He thereupon appealed to the Court of Arches, and made petitioner and his wife (who has done penance in several churches) parties to the appeal, and got them both excommunicated for not appearing, to their utter undoing. Prays order for the absolution and discharge of the suit. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

43. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to give an account to the archbishop; "for if my Court of Arches be made a subterfuge for such persons, I shall take another order with them by the High Commission. W. CANT. November 6th, 1637." [1 p.]*

Nov. 7.

Petition of Walter Aston to the King. Your Majesty bestowed on petitioner's father, in consideration of his long service, a pension of 100*l.* a year. At his last journey into Spain he settled part of the said pension on petitioner, whereupon petitioner engaged himself for the debt of his father and the payment of interest; since which

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time your Majesty has forbidden the payment of the pension. Pray that the arrears may be paid, that petitioner may be preserved from ruin. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 179. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *Reference to Lord Cottington to take order for satisfaction of these arrears as soon as his Majesty's other occasions will permit. Whitehall, 7th November 1637. [Copy. See Ibid. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

Nov. 7.

Petition of Margaret Kirby, widow, on behalf of herself and her children, to the King. She is possessed of 3,500 acres of land, parcel of Sutton Marsh, co. Lincoln, for which her husband and herself have expended in embanking 6,500 acres, in purchase of part of the 3,500 acres, and other charges, about 37,631*l.*, taken up at interest, for 19,000*l.* whereof there are three executions against her. Much of this expenditure was occasioned by assisting the patentees against the opposition of the country, and maintaining the rights of the Crown against their encroachments. But now petitioner's grants have been overthrown in a legal course in his Majesty's name in the Court of Exchequer. Prays the King to hear and judge the cause by that rule of equity whereby to his glorious fame he has ever guided himself, or to refer the same to whomsoever he shall think fit. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 180. $1\frac{3}{4}$ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington to examine the suggestions of this petition, and certify the equity thereof. 7th November 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 181. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

Nov. 7.

The like of Sir John Tyrrell to the same. Petitioner about 13 years since was advanced in marriage by Sir John Tyrrell, his uncle, who received petitioner's wife's portion of 3,000*l.*, and settled upon petitioner and his wife 400*l.* per annum in present, and agreed to settle 800*l.* per annum more after his said uncle's death, and 100*l.* per annum more after the death of Thomas, petitioner's father and his mother, but reserving in his uncle's own power to dispose of 600*l.* per annum, which he often declared he intended to confer on petitioner's father and mother for their lives, and to charge it with 2,000*l.* for petitioner's younger children. But Sir Henry Browne and Lady Eyres, persons of strait fortunes, have put themselves upon petitioner's uncle, he being aged, blind, and otherwise infirm. They cohabit with him, and, upon pretence that he was indebted 1,000*l.*, have removed him to a cottage in Hampshire, where they have obscured him these two or three years, have caused the 600*l.* per annum to be sold away, the timber to be felled, the coppice wood to be destroyed, the fences to be laid waste, and have received his rents, sold his plate, and great part of his household stuff. To restrain this waste, tending to the destruction of the seat of an ancient gentleman, the Lord Keeper in June 1635 wrote his letters, which prevailed for some respite, but are now forgotten. Petitioner being unwilling to incense his uncle by a suit, appeals to the King's

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especial care to preserve his gentry, and prays a reference to the Lord Keeper and Lord Chief Justice, to call petitioner's uncle and Sir Henry Browne and the Lady before them. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 182. 1½ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- II, *Reference to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Keeper, who, calling to their assistance the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, are to take a course for the preservation of this estate. Whitehall, 7th November 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 183. ¼ p.]*

Nov. 7.

Petition of Christiana Maria Shelley and Charles her son, an infant of the age of nine months, to the King. On petitioner's late marriage, the manor of Combe, in Sussex, was made [over] to her in the name of friends in trust, as part of her jointure, which remained to her late husband for life, with remainder to his first son in tail, with the reversion in fee to Sir John Shelley. One parcel of marsh, on the west side of the river Brambe, containing 20 acres, was valued to petitioner as part of the said manor, which on a late commission of inquiry is found to be land gained from the sea, and your Majesty conceived entitled thereto. Petitioner submits herself and her title to your Majesty, praying you to take her and her son into your consideration. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 187. ½ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *Recommendation of the petitioner to the Lord Treasurer as a servant of the Queen, and one whom both their Majesties respect. The Treasurer is to give her as much favour as may be, without prejudice to his Majesty's service. Whitehall, 7th November 1637. [Copy. Ibid. ¼ p.]*

[Nov. 7 ?]

The like of George Lord Goring and Sir Henry Hungate to the same. Petitioners have, by virtue of your letters patent, issued many commissions out of the Court of Exchequer for discovery of abuses in the unlawful transporting of butter out of this kingdom, and have found out many great offenders in that kind in Bristol and in Wales. The Commissioners have been much disgraced in the execution of their commissions, your officers of the port shamefully beaten off with arms, and so much money raised by the delinquents to smother their offences that a speedy prosecution cannot be had. Pray your Majesty to order the examination of the said offences by some of the Council. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 188. ¾ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *The Lord Treasurer, the Earl of Dorset, and Sec. Windæbank are to call before them the commissioners who have inquired at Bristol, and such of the offenders as they shall think fit, and certify the whole state of the business with their opinions. [Copy. Ibid. ¼ p.]*
- II, *Request of the referees above mentioned that Sir Robert Heath, his Majesty's sergeant, and Sir Abraham Daves, one of the farmers of the customs, would call the parties before them, and prepare the particulars by way of examination,*

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so that the referees may report to his Majesty as required. 15th November 1637. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 215. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

III. *Report of Sir Robert Heath and Sir Abraham Dawes.* We conceive the unlawful transportation of butter will be proved against some of the transporters, and some of the officers who should have hindered the same. The particulars are expressed in two sheets of paper stated to be annexed. They have not heard any of the parties complained of, because they were not in town. They would hardly have confessed, and their denial would have moved them but little against such evident proofs. It will be fit that they be proceeded against in a round way either in the Exchequer Chamber or in the Star Chamber, at the King's own suit. [Copy. Ibid., p. 215. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

IV. *The Lord Treasurer, the Earl of Dorset, and Sec. Windebank to the King.* Report on the preceding reference. Transmit the above report of Sir Robert Heath and Sir Abraham Dawes, and recommend that the officers of the customs who have broken their trust and connived with the offenders be proceeded against in the Exchequer Chamber, and that the mayor and other public officers who should countenance your service, but have not, should be proceeded against in the Star Chamber. 5th December 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 216. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

V. *Reference to the Attorney-General to proceed in the prosecution of the offenders as the referees have advised; and he is to make known to the officers of the several courts in which these prosecutions shall be, that his Majesty owns these suits as prosecuted by the petitioners for his immediate service, and that the said officers demean themselves accordingly.* Whitehall, 21st December 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 217. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

[Nov. 7?] *Petition of [Capt.] Edmund Bradshaw to the King.* Petitioner was sent with your Majesty's letter, as also with orders from the Council, to treat with the King of Morocco for peace, freedom of trade, and liberty of your subjects in captivity. All which I performed, and if I have not carried myself [free] from offence to all men, let all the punishments that can be inflicted upon a man be done unto me. Notwithstanding, upon the false accusation of Robert Blake, that I was not sent from the state but had counterfeited your letter, the business of the state was altogether hindered, petitioner defamed, his life subject at the will of the King, and he was also hindered the recovery of a great sum of money. Prays a reference for examination to the Council. [Copy. Ibid., p. 189. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.] Underwritten,

I. *Reference to the Commissioners for Trade to examine and certify.* [Copy. Ibid. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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44. Petition of Emanuel Horton, Christopher Shunner, and Thomas Horton, poor seamen late employed to burn the ships in Sallee, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioners being employed as before mentioned, to the uttermost of their power endeavoured to perform the same, and had accomplished the same upon their entry into one of the ships, but for the barking of the ship-dog, which caused the watch and ship's company, who were asleep, to come up to take them, whereupon they were fain to skip overboard to swim for their lives, by which the two Hortons escaped, and Shunner was taken prisoner, and should have been burnt by the Sallee men, as they threatened him every day. Pray the Lords to extend to them their charitable benevolence. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Annexed,*

44. I. *Certificate of Cpts. William Rainsborough and George Carteret confirming the facts stated in the above petition, and stating some additional circumstances. The men are here named Emanuel Wharton, Christopher Shemans, and Thomas Horton. The certificate is in the handwriting of Capt. Rainsborough.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 7.

45. Notice by Nicholas that the Lords of the Admiralty have appointed Saturday next in the cause of Mrs. Carpenter and Capt. Daniel Ardingbirg, upon a commission of review, to hear what either side shall allege, whereby the cause may be ready for a final hearing. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 7.

46. Petition of Sir John Thornhill to Archbishop Laud. The promoters of the cause prosecuted against petitioner in the High Commission have had several times assigned them, since May last was twelve months, to prove their objections. On a late petition by Mr. Kilvert (the real promoter of this cause), the Court granted a restitution of the term probatory; to which order, although in confidence of his innocency, petitioner submits, yet, in regard such informations as are deduced in the said petition are wholly fictitious, and intended merely to win time and raise an ill opinion of petitioner, he states that he never desired Sir Thomas Walsingham, or any other, to treat with Mr. Kilvert concerning the composing of this cause, but that Kilvert solicited them to mediate the same; that in their conference Kilvert not so much as mentioned anything to be given towards St. Paul's Church, but first demanded 200*l.*, and afterwards fell to 50*l.* for his own pains and charges; and that petitioner refused to give anything, and has not dealt with any of the witnesses, as by one of the promoters is pretended. Prays that the suggester may be enjoined to prove the said informations to be true, or that petitioner may be admitted to prove them false. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

46. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to see that the proceedings in this cause be both real and speedy; and for the other suggestion "I would have him speak with Mr. Kilvert, and let me have an account before the next commission day. W. CANT. November 7th, 1637."* [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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47. Affidavit of Richard Pearce, of Wallingford, Berks, that on the 5th inst. Robert Pearson, in the presence of deponent, delivered a letter from the commissioners for brewing and malting to Francis Smith, of Wallingford, willing him to forbear to brew in the George Inn, and "carry it forth at his gate;" and that he read the letter in the presence of deponent and others, and said he cared not, &c. for the said letter, and that he would brew in his inn as he had formerly done; and on Monday last (since the receipt of the letter) deponent saw him go forward with his brewing at the said inn. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

Nov. 7.

48. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 20*l.* paid by Lawrence Osbaldiston on behalf of Richard Shuttleworth, sheriff of co. Lancaster, in full of 4,000*l.* ship-money for that county under writ of 12th August last. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 8.

49. Petition of Thomas Bad, of Fareham, Hants, to the Council. Petitioner, together with Robert Rigge and four others of Fareham, were appointed by John Button, late sheriff of Hants, to assess 50*l.* towards the shipping upon that parish. The assessors (except Rigge) met together, made and signed the rate, and sent it to the sheriff by the constable. Rigge intercepted the rate, and of his own authority altered the same, without the privity of the sheriff or the assessors, and therein raised petitioner 10*s.*, and so obtained a confirmation of the same from the sheriff. Petitioner, and others grieved in the same kind, intended to have petitioned the Board; but, to prevent the same, Rigge complained of petitioner, and thereupon petitioner has been served with a subpoena out of the Star Chamber, at the suit of the Attorney-General, petitioner never refusing to pay the money which was duly rated upon him, but always offering the same when demanded. Prays to be discharged, having paid all the money assessed, with that which Rigge most unjustly added. [1 p.] *Endorsed,*

49. I. *Reference to the Attorney-General to certify the true state of this complaint, with his opinion. Star Chamber, 8th November 1639. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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50. Narrative of past proceedings in the business between Thomas Bad and Robert Rigge, brought down to this day. [1 p.]

Nov. 8.

51. Petition of Sir John Meldrum to the Council. Upon a complaint of the Trinity House at Deptford Strond against William Bullock, for an error in the collection of duty for the light at Dongeor Nesse [Dungeness], in taking the penny due by the merchant owners from the master of the ship, the Lords, upon a reference to the Attorney-General, and an agreement settled by him, gave order for rectifying the error and establishing the collection. Petitioner being guilty of the same mistaking, is most willing to submit himself to the like order, in the execution of his letters patent for the lights at the North and South Forelands. Prays an order to settle his

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business according to the said order stated to be annexed. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
Annexed,

51. I. *Reference to the Attorney-General to certify how he finds the petitioner's case to agree with that mentioned in the said order, with his opinion as to granting petitioner's request. Star Chamber, 8th November 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

51. II. *Report of Attorney-General Bankes. Finds petitioner's case to be the same for the North and South Foreland lights with that of Mr. Bullock for Dungeness. Having called some of the Trinity House, they know no better way for payment thereof than that taken for Mr. Bullock's lights, which is, that the duty be paid at the return home of the voyage only, and then the one half by the owner, and the other half by the merchant. 2nd March 1637-8. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] Written under the petition of Sir John Meldrum,*

51. III. *An unsigned memorandum that an order was to be drawn answerable to that for Bullock. [2 lines.]*

About
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52. Thomas Wigmore, late Sheriff of co. Hereford, to Nicholas. Although he used all ways, he could only collect 26*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.*, which he is ready to pay over. Richard Browne, chief constable of the hundred of Grimsworth, has collected the whole assessments thereupon, amounting to 60*l.*, but has refused to account; and on further search has wholly obscured himself. Prays Nicholas to move the Lords for a messenger for his attachment. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Nov. 8.

53. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 16*l.* paid by Edward Anwell, late sheriff of co. Merioneth, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon North Wales by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 8.
 Westminster.

Nicholas to each of the late sheriffs of 27 counties in England and Wales. You were required by instructions from the Council, sent to you last year with the writ for ship-money, to send, within a month after the assessment made, a certificate of what was set upon each parish in your county, and particularly upon every clergyman. His Majesty and the Lords take notice that you have not sent any such certificate. I am, by their command, not only to let you know that your neglect is not well taken, but to pray you, without further delay, to repair the same. [*Underwritten a list of the 27 counties. See Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I., Vol. cccxix., p. 162. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]*

Nov. 8.
 Boston.

54. Sir Anthony Irby to the Council. Craves further directions concerning laying the rates for the ship-money. There are divers wapentakes to which there have belonged great commons, in respect whereof those divisions have, in their usual rates, been rated at a higher proportion than other wapentakes, much of which common has lately been taken from them, partly by draining, partly by way of improvement, so that now there is a very small proportion of common left to them, for which they complain that they are not able to pay their usual charges, except those grounds contribute with

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them. I hope that, in the assessing of those grounds, I shall proceed so equally as there shall be no just cause of complaint, nor shall be any means to retard the payment of the money. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 8.

55. Petition of Robert Challenor, his Majesty's post of Stone, co. Stafford, to Secs. Coke and Windebank. Petitioner for 40 years has been postmaster in the said place, which office he has always faithfully executed in his own person, until visited with a long sickness, as by an annexed certificate appears. Mr. Witherings endeavours to put another in petitioner's place, upon pretence that petitioner had put in a deputy, being his son, who, about a year and a half since, in the time of petitioner's sickness, gave his assistance for performance of his Majesty's service; and on 17th March 1636-7, petitioner, during his illness, disposed of his estate by will, and then assigned his arrears due to him for his post wages to his son, towards discharging petitioner's debts, and benefit of his wife and children. Mr. Witherings, in regard petitioner would not give him 100*l.* for petitioner's place (over and above the carriage of the merchants' letters twice every week), has, for 40*l.*, given orders for the said place to another, whose parents have been great recusants. Petitioner being still able and willing, and his arrears 368*l.* (that stage being the longest between London and Chester, and yet is allowed only 20*d. per diem*), prays order that he may be continued in his place, and may receive the said 368*l.* [1 p.] *Annexed,*

55. 1. *Certificate of Justices of Peace of co. Stafford, that Robert Challenor had well performed the duties of his place, and never received contribution from the country, and always discharged the whole service until visited with a long sickness, when he was constrained to have the assistance of one of his sons.* [1 p.]

Nov. 8.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. We have thought fit to confer with you about divers particulars for his Majesty's service in the Navy, and to understand from you the present state of the stores. We pray you to be with us on Saturday next at eight in the morning in Whitehall, at which time the Surveyor of the Navy is to bring with him a view of all his Majesty's stores. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 63.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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Whitehall.

The same to Montjoy Earl of Newport. We have received information that his Majesty's gunpowder, as soon as it is brought into the Tower, is put into a dark room under the King's magazine of powder, and there stands, before it be proved, with the heads of the barrels open, where the cooper cannot see how to make up the barrels without candle, and that it is easy for any ill-affected or careless person to fire it. We pray you to take present order that such gunpowder as is brought in may be put either into the long room which is by the Earl of Northumberland's walk in the Tower, as formerly it used to be, or in some other safe place. [*Copy. Ibid.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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Minute that Robert Rigge, having been formerly sent for and discharged upon bond to appear this day, made his appearance accordingly, and is to attend from time to time until discharged. [See Vol. cccliii., fol. 63. $\frac{1}{6}$ p.]

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56. Petition of the said Robert Rigge to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner having commenced a suit in the Court of Requests against Elizabeth West and James Robins, his Majesty's purveyor of timber, your Lordships sent for him, and on his appearance he entered into bond to relinquish the said suit and to appear again the next sitting after Allhallowtide. Having relinquished his suit and made his appearance, he prays to have his bond delivered up to be cancelled, and that he may be discharged from any longer attendance, [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 9.
Ludlow Castle.

57. Sir John Bridgeman, Sir Marmaduke Lloyd, and Adam Littleton, Chief Justice and Justices of Chester, to the Council. Upon a reference to them of a petition of the Masters, Wardens, and Company of Drapers of Shrewsbury, touching the ill-making of Welsh cloths, the writers state the occasion of the complaint, and suggest a remedy. They also state certain grievances arising out of payments insisted upon by the measurer and the drapers' servants, which they report to the Council for remedy. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.] Underwritten,

57. 1. *Minute of Sir John Carleton that the Lords ordered that an Act of Council should be made in confirmation of the above certificate, and a letter written from the Council to the Lord President and Council of the Marches to have the same duly executed. 3rd December 1637. [$\frac{1}{6}$ p.]*

Nov. 9.

58. Sir Thomas Cotton, late Sheriff of co. Huntingdon, to Nicholas. Letter had been received from the Council claiming arrears of ship-money for last year of 10*l.* from Huntingdon, 10*l.* from Godmanchester, and 4*l.* from the county. The whole sum assessed on the county was long since paid in, and also that on Huntingdon; the arrear is from Godmanchester, which was assessed at 80*l.*, but on complaint reduced to 74*l.*, whereof they have paid 50*l.* Did not conceive this sum belonged to him. Begs him to acquaint the Lords therewith. [Seal with arms. 1 p.]

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59. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. The Merhonour and Dieu Repulse, being old ships complained of by the Earl of Northumberland to his Majesty, for their age and ill quality, we have advised with the shipwrights whether to proceed with their repair, or render an account for their disposal to his Majesty's most advantage. The Merhonour was rebuilt in 1614; her timbers are generally decayed between wind and water, and many other defects have been discovered since the last employment, wherefore the shipwrights think she should be brought into Woolwich Dock, and there opened on each side, before an estimate be made. For the Repulse they are of opinion that, it being 43 years since she was built, and her mould altogether imperfect, she be continued on the

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ordinary charge of repair until a new ship be built in her room, and then her hull to be sold. We discern that a far greater charge than is set down in the estimate will not repair these ships fit to serve for a few years, which makes us present their true state for your disposal. [1 p.]

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60. Account rendered by Robert Reade of moneys received and paid for Sec. Windebank, from the 11th April 1637 to this day. The receipts consist principally of gratuities given the Secretary on the passing of any grant or licence or any other favour procured by his means. The common payment was 5*l.*, but a person of dignity or a public body ordinarily paid more. The following are examples:—for Mr. Stampe's presentation, 5*l.*; for Sir Richard Bul-ler's licence, 5*l.*; of the men of Dover, 10*l.*; for Mr. Stourton's licence to travel, 5*l.*; of Mr. Moyle, the parson, 5*l.*; for the reference concerning Shrewsbury, 5*l.*; of my Lord of Southampton, 10*l.*; of Mr. De la Barre, 10*l.*; of my Lord Carlisle's creditors, 5*l.*; of the six clerks, 8*l.*; of Dr. Rawley, 5*l.*; of Mr. Lowe for the reference for the Merchant Adventurers, 10*l.*; for Sir Henry Jernegan's [Jer-ningham's] protection, 10*l.*; of the merchants of Dover, 10*l.*, (second payment), 10*l.*; for the Countess of Banbury's pass, 10*l.*; of Mr. Lambe at several times, for the pardons of Mr. Bish, Gore, and Pickering, 42*l.*; of my Lord Goring, 20*l.*; for Mr. Duffield's par-don, 10*l.* Total receipts, 648*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* The payments were of a very miscellaneous character:—for a pair of garters, 10*s.*; to Mr. As-ton's man that brought a velvet bag, 5*s.*; paid for an estuy [étui?], 5*l.* 7*s.*; for a pair of silk stockings, 1*l.* 14*s.*; to the man that brought sturgeon from the Eastland merchants, 5*s.*; to the porter that carried it, 2*s.*; for going to Greenwich by water and returning, 6*s.*; for crossing from Lambeth, 6*d.*; to my Lord of Newburgh's man that brought venison, and to the waterman, 16*s.*; for a pair of spurs, 10*s.*; for a hat for my cousin John, 3*l.* 16*s.*; to the man that brought the letter from Fulham, 5*s.*; for a pair of black silk stockings for my cousin Thomas, 1*l.* 7*s.*; to Sir William Elliott's man that brought pheasants, 5*s.*; to my cousin Thomas for books, 8*s.* Total payments, 468*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* The balance of 180*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* was paid over to Sec. Windebank this day. [3¼ pp.]

Nov. 9.
St. Martin's
Lane.

61. Form of letter of [Sir Thomas Roe] addressed to each of certain Knights of the Garter. Reminds them of a statute whereby every earl should pay 50*s.* to the Treasury at Windsor for pious uses, upon the death of any knight of the order, and the money, if unpaid, should be increased one third part. Also, that every knight should pay 20*l.* to the use and ornament of the altar of the chapel of St. George at Windsor, according to which there having been lately made divers pieces of rich plate presented and consecrated in that chapel, to the near value of 800*l.*, the Dean of Windsor and registrar of the order, being the statute collector of such moneys, brought in his account to his Majesty the Sovereign and the knights at the feast of St. George held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of October, upon view whereof, you being found behind, I then received command from his Majesty,

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with approbation of the Knights, to signify to you that you make present payment of your arrearages to the bearer, which if you delay or refuse, I have also order to signify to you the displeasure of his Majesty. [1 p.]

Nov. 9. 62. Sir John Lambe to his daughter Barbara. Thanks her for her sweetheart's letter. "If he have but as much skill in the pedigree of the calves as of the Lambes, he might make a good Essex herald. He derives from Poole and Cotton, and I well believe he is a fool, and that his business will not cotton. But better louse in pot than no flesh, and if other sweethearts do forsake you, yet this will stick to you like — or a bur to your heels." He then comments on what he terms her more serious business, an offer from some young nobleman whose estate was much encumbered. An interview had been had, in which Barbara's behaviour had not been according to her father's previous directions. The subsequent progress of the matter remained in doubt, and Sir John was only anxious that, if it came to an end, it should seem not as if the lady had been rejected, but that she and her father found it not fit to go on. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Nov. 10. 63. Minute by Sec. Windebank of his Majesty's pleasure that the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Keeper, the Lord Treasurer, the Lord Privy Seal, and the two Secretaries shall consider the regulating of the grammar used in schools and the reducing it into a more compendious way. [*Underwritten, "To attend on Wednesday next."* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 10. 64. Sir Edward Hussey late sheriff of co. Lincoln, to the Council. I paid to Sir William Russell for ship-money various sums at dates stated, amounting to 7,461*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, so that what is behind is part of the 538*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* assessed on the corporations, which I have divers times required them to pay, but what they have done therein I know not. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 10. 65. William Walter, late sheriff of co. Oxford, to Nicholas. Inner Temple. Finding the arrears of ship-money from his county so great, thinks fit to acquaint him with the carriage of the business. When he was made sheriff it was signified to him that it stood with his Majesty's pleasure that he should continue Lewis Harris as under-sheriff, having been approved in the collection of ship-money formerly. But finding no way of expedition in him, the writer undertook that part of the shire which lies beyond Oxford, and ordered the other side of the county, where he had not understood of any reluctancy, to be despatched by Harris. But on the writer's side are some eminent in their adverseness to this business, and some whole hundreds utterly refused assessing. Yet all the writer's money he has collected and paid in, and now finds that Harris has paid in but 300*l.*, and that there remains unpaid for Harris's side of the county above 700*l.* Entreats that this arrear may neither be made the writer's blame nor charge. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

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66. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 442*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* ship-money paid by John Sampson on behalf of Ralph Freeman, late sheriff of co. Hertford, in part of the amount charged on that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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St. Martin's Lane.

67. Sir Thomas Roe to the Lords of the Admiralty and Commissioners of Saltpetre. Recites letter of 3rd May last, whereby he conveyed to them his Majesty's pleasure, in a complaint of the Dean of Windsor and Registrar of the Order of the Garter against Thornhill, a saltpetremen; and that a certificate of his defence had been returned, which consisted only of a denial that his work was the cause of the ruin ensuing. These being related at a chapter of the order lately held, his Majesty had resolved to protect the Dean of Windsor as his officer of the Garter, according to a statute of that order which is here quoted, and to that purpose had given order to the Lords now addressed, together with the Earls of Arundel, Pembroke, and Dorset, knights of the order, to convene again the accused Thornhill, and to write their letters to persons near Knoyle Magna to view and testify the truth and to hear any other proofs on behalf of either party, and thereupon to give judgment, so that a tedious suit in law may be prevented. [*Seal of Chancellor of the Order.* 1 p.]

Nov. 10.

68. Petition of Owen Gwyn to Archbishop Laud. John Roberts, vicar of Llanidloes, co. Montgomery, stands guilty of divers misdemeanours of ecclesiastical cognizance, and amongst others, for repelling his parishioners from the Holy Communion, not using the form of prayer for burial of the dead, profaning the altar by receiving money thereon, casting the surplice and communion book on the church floor, railing, quarrelling, and striking in the church or porch, breaking down ancient pews and tombstones, christening children by other names than the godfathers gave, denying his own father and turning him forth to seek his lodging, cutting the surplice into pieces and using them for towels, permitting persons with muskets to shoot at pigeons in the church, and speaking against the declaration for lawful recreations on Sundays. Prays that upon articles and bond a warrant may be granted for Roberts to answer. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
Underwritten,

68. I. *Direction for Sir John Lambe to take order for letters missive or an attachment.* 10th November 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

68. II. *Note by Sir John Lambe that the articles had often been demanded, and that they were kept out by Mr. Munday till Mr. Roberts was gone, to the end to fetch him up.* [2 lines.]

Nov. 10.

69. Edward Box and five others, inhabitants of Bishop's Court, near the Little Old Bailey, London, to [the Commissioners for Buildings]. Certify that Robert Newton, a tailor, has lately built a tenement in Green Arbour [Court], near Bishop's Court, upon a new brick foundation, and has erected all one side thereof of wood,

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stopping up a passage and the neighbouring lights and watercourses, and taking away the gutters. [1 p.]

Nov. 11. 70. Account of Sir William Russell of ship-money received and in arrear under writs of August 1636. Total received, 175,141*l.* 2*s.* 5½*d.*; unreceived, 21,473*l.* 5*s.* 2½*d.* [1 p.]

Nov. 11. 71. Account of further sums received by the sheriffs but not yet paid in. Total, 6,150*l.*, reducing the above-mentioned arrear to 15,109*l.* [1 p.]

Nov. 11. 72. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 200*l.* paid by Richard Archer on behalf of Thomas Archer, late alderman of Grantham, ship-money collected in that town under writ of 12th August 1636. [¾ p.]

Nov. 11. 73. The like for 947*l.* paid by Anthony Hinton, bailiff of Westminster, in part of 500*l.* ship-money charged upon Middlesex by writ dated as above. [¾ p.]

Nov. 11. 74. The like for 890*l.* paid by René Bailly on behalf of John Lucas, sheriff of Essex, in part of 8,000*l.* ship-money charged upon that county by writ dated as above. [¾ p.]

Nov. 11. 75. The like for 300*l.* paid by the same on behalf of Robert Buxton, late Mayor of Colchester, part of the 8,000*l.* ship-money charged upon Essex as above mentioned. [¾ p.]

Nov. 11. 76. The like for 60*l.* paid by James Gally on behalf of John Bigg, mayor of Bath, ship-money collected in the said city under writ dated as above. [¾ p.]

Nov. 11. 77. The like for 1,056*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* paid by Thomas Lloyd on behalf of William Wynn, late sheriff of co. Denbigh, in part of 4,000*l.* ship-money charged upon North Wales under writ dated as above. [¾ p.]

Nov. 11. 78. Sir John Skeffington, Sheriff of co. Stafford, to Nicholas Fisherwick. Being at Skeffington in Leicestershire on receipt of the writs for ship-money, he has transplanted himself for the better performance of his duty, and having sought conference with the head constables and others, whether from jealousy that he would not give them the same connivance as his predecessors, whereby a great part of the collection is yet ungathered, or from what other reasons he cannot guess, he received from them directions which would have led him into error and there kept him if he had not redeemed himself. Proposes two points for further directions from the Council, one relating to his power in the assessment of the corporations, and the other as to contributions from the bishop and clergy in the assessment of the close of Lichfield. Upon explication of his doubts on these two points hopes to save the writing of many letters. [1½ p.]

Nov. 11. 79. Affidavit of Michael Willett, of South Newington, co. Oxford, tailor, and John Gardner, of the same town, labourer. On the 22nd October last deponents met Thomas Roberts, named in an order of the Board of the 15th October, stated to be annexed, and showed

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him the said order and demanded 3*l*. 10*s*. of him. Roberts said that he would not pay the money, nor would he perform any order made by a clerk, as that was, and said he could get another as good as that for any one for twopence, and what had the Lords to do to compel him to pay money in that manner, and threatened Willett that if he paid the money to him, he would make him spend twice so much another way, if it cost him 20*l*. [1 *p*.]

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Whitehall.

80. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. This day appointed to hear the proctors in two causes of appeal. Officers of the Navy to attend about the stores of the Navy and preparations for the fleet of next year. Speak to Officers about estimate to enlarge the dock at Woolwich. Consider Mr. Cordewell's petition concerning his performance of his contract for making gunpowder. The pursers of the Roebuck and the Defiance desire to put off their places to two men recommended by the Officers of the Navy. Hear read an order touching the Lord Deputy's submitting the Admiralty of Ireland to the jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England. Mr. Rigge bound to attend on the complaint of the purveyor of timber. [1 *p*.]

Nov. 11.
The Swiftsure,
in the Downs.

81. Sir John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. In the tempestuous weather of late, the First Whelp has sprung a desperate leak, in regard whereof I am forced to send her in. I therefore desire another vessel in her room, or that I may keep one of the Sallee pinnaces. The Providence is the fittest, which Capt. Slingsby desires he may be put into in place of his Whelp. Ships from St. Sebastians bring word that the French had regained St. Jean de Luz, and that the Portugals have revolted and massacred many of the Spaniards that were amongst them. The Holland fleet cannot get forth, nor the Dunkirk fleet come from the Groyne. The Second Whelp cannot yet recover Dieppe, so that the Ambassador keeps his lady and retinue here at Dover, but himself went yesterday post for the Court. [1 *p*.]

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82. Petition of eleven carpenters and William Burton, armourer, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioners were commanded on shore at Old Sallee by their Admiral, Capt. Rainsborough, to make and repair 16 field carriages, for mounting the guns of the town to be employed for effecting the Admiral's designs. They remained ashore three months, working the carriages in the heat of summer, the climate being very hot, having no drink but water, and many times constrained to travel eight miles up the country to cut timber, where they were forced to drink unwholesome stinking water, and were vexed by mosquitoes to the prejudice of their eyesight, by which they were brought into diseases, to their great expense and danger, and have not been rewarded for their pains, tools and apparel spent, lost and worn. Pray order for reward. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p*.]

Nov. 11.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Sir John Pennington and other the captains of his Majesty's ships and castles. We are informed by Humphrey Slaney, Nicholas Crispe, William Clobery, and others of

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the Guinea Company, to whom his Majesty has granted the sole trading into Guinea, Binney [Benin?], and Angola, that John Crispe and others have fitted out the Talbot with men and goods only fit for the Guinea trade, resolving under pretence of going to Barbary to trade upon the coasts of Guinea and to take "nigers" and to carry them to other foreign parts, whereby to defeat his Majesty of his customs and to the great prejudice of the said company. We pray you to make stay of the said ship and goods until you receive our further directions. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii. fol 63 b. ½ p.*]

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Order of the Lords of the Admiralty on the petition of Humphrey Slaney, Nicholas Crispe, and others of the Guinea Company, showing that John Crispe and other interlopers had fitted out the Talbot for the above-mentioned purpose, and praying directions to Sir Henry Marten to stay that ship until the merchants that set her forth give good caution that they will not come into any of the parts granted to petitioners by their patent. The Lords ordered Sir Henry Marten to examine the truth of the petition, and, if he find cause, to take the security desired, and to certify the Lords, who had stayed the ship until they heard from him. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 64. ½ p.*]

Nov. 11.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to the Council for management of the Revenues of the Prince. We understand by the Vice-Admiral of the North of Cornwall (*See Vol. ccclxx., No. 14. ii.*) that you have required him to deliver to Thomas Gewen, havenor of the Duchy of Cornwall, all wrecked goods in his custody, or to appear before you on the 3rd of this instant November. We cannot but marvel that you would send such a warrant for a prime officer in the Admiralty without first acquainting us, especially since you cannot but know that the office of Lord Admiral of England is now executed by commission in his Majesty's name and for his benefit. More respect has been shown by the Prince's Council to the Admiralty when the office was in a private person. If there be any matter of right or profit belonging to the Prince which you conceive to be prejudiced by any officer of the Admiralty, upon notice thereof, we shall be as ready to take order to rectify it as you can desire, therefore we pray you henceforth to forbear to send to any of our subordinate ministers without our privity. [*Copy. Ibid. ¾ p.*]

Nov. 11.
Whitehall.

The same to the Officers of the Navy. The Victualler has delivered by petty warrant a great proportion of victuals to the Sovereign of the Seas and the Prince Royal. We pray you to make an estimate of the charge for keeping the said ships in harbour until the last of December next. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 64 b. ½ p.*]

Nov. 11.
Whitehall.

The same to Montjoy Earl of Newport. We send you a petition of the captain of the fort in Holy Island concerning the decay of the same, praying you to appoint some fit persons near the same, to examine whether the money alleged to have been formerly disbursed for repair has been expended to that purpose, as also to survey the present state thereof, and make an estimate of the necessary reparations, and to take account of the ammunition. [*Copy. Ibid. ½ p.*]

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Nov. 12. Petition of the lamentably distressed inhabitants of St. Edmund's Bury to the King. The said town is very populous, principally consisting of tradesmen, mechanics, and labourers, of whom the multitude of poor has been such, as the weekly contribution out of the inhabitants' purses amounts to 300*l.* per annum, besides the town lands and billeting a great number of poor three days in a week. Since the 5th May, by reason of the heavy visitation of the plague, their market and all commerce has ceased, insomuch that 3,075 persons not visited, and 103 families shut up, are supported at the common charge; 439 have been cured, 598 have died, and 263 families have been infected. Pray for letters patent to collect a charitable benevolence. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 184. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*] Underwritten,

- I. *Minute of the King's pleasure that the Lord Keeper should make forth the letters patent solicited. Whitehall, 12th November 1637. [Copy. Ibid. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

Nov. 12. Petition of Valentine Clarke, one of her Majesty's servants, to the same. In 1632 there was an agreement made with Richard Bouchier by Attorney-General Noy on your Majesty's behalf for 100 acres of land, parcel of the manor of Newton, co. York, for which Bouchier was to pay into the Exchequer 300*l.* and the yearly rent of 16*s.* 8*d.* Bouchier has not paid the 300*l.*, nor the rent, and yet enjoys the land. Petitioner prays grant of the said land in consideration of 300*l.* fine and 16*s.* 8*d.* rent, and to allow the 300*l.* as part of 1,200*l.* due to petitioner's brother Edward Clarke as a groom of your Majesty's Bedchamber. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 185. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*] Underwritten,

- I. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer, who, calling to him the Attorney-General, is to certify the true state and his opinion. Whitehall, 12th November 1637. [Copy. Ibid. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

Nov. 12. Another copy of the preceding petition with the reference thereon. (see *Ibid.*, p. 294, $\frac{2}{3}$ p.) ; and also

- II. *Reference from the Lord Treasurer to the Attorney-General to certify his opinion. London House, 25th Novemb. Copy. Ibid., p. 295. $\frac{1}{8}$ p.]*

- III. *Reference from Attorney-General Bankes to Auditor Brinley to certify the state of this business as it stands before him in the Exchequer. 20th January 1637-8. [Copy. Ibid. $\frac{1}{8}$ p.]*

- IV. *Report of Thomas Brinley, auditor, addressed to the Attorney-General. It sets forth all the dealing there had been with the lands in question, and substantially verifies the statement of Valentine Clarke the petitioner. [2]8th January 1637-8. [Copy. Ibid. $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

- V. *Report of the Attorney-General to the Lord Treasurer. The agreement being not pursued by Richard Bouchier, nor the 300*l.* paid nor rent answered, he conceives the 100*

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acres to be in his Majesty's disposition. 17th February 1637-8. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 296. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

VI. Report of the Lord Treasurer to the King. He conceives the land to be in the King's disposition, and the 300*l.* fine and 16*s.* 8*d.* rent to be a reasonable value. Whether his Majesty will allow the fine as part of the arrear due to the petitioner's brother, he leaves to his Majesty's wisdom. 29th March 1638. [Copy. Ibid. $\frac{1}{6}$ p.]

VII. Minute of his Majesty's pleasure to grant petitioner the lands mentioned in his petition, the fine to be allowed out of the arrears due to his brother as desired. Whitehall, 15th May 1638. [Copy. Ibid., p. 297. $\frac{1}{6}$ p.]

Nov. 12. Petition of Richard Solme and others, inhabitants of Yately, Hants, to the King. The oppressions complained of in the petition of John Mainwaring, Arthur Watts, and others, stated to have been annexed, are only for that rates are made in that parish according to an ancient form used time out of mind, and confirmed within these three years by several orders made by the judges of assize and at the quarter sessions. Pray that the truth of this may be examined by Lord Chief Justice Finch and Baron Denham, judges of assize for that county. [Copy. Ibid., p. 186. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.] Underwritten,

I. Reference to the persons above mentioned, who are to examine the whole business and settle it. [Copy. Ibid. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 12. 83. Petition of Samuel Cordewell, his Majesty's gunpowder-maker, to the Lords of the Admiralty. By virtue of the contract you made with petitioner, he has now wrought a full year, ending with October last, wherein he has delivered into his Majesty's stores in the Tower of London 240 lasts of gunpowder at the price of 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* per pound, whereby his Majesty has saved in one year 1,200*l.*, besides near about 300*l.* in refining foreign powder at a cheaper rate, and he is ready for the time to come to make 300 lasts yearly at the same price, if he may have a fit proportion of petre. Prays that Mr. Poole may give him his charge for last year, and that the Officers of the Ordnance may certify what quantity of gunpowder petitioner has had proved since the beginning, so that if it shall appear that petitioner has made his proportion, he may have his discharge. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

Nov. 12. 84. Thomas Hill and three others, late assessors for the ship-money in Fulham, Middlesex, to the Council. Certificate that they have rated Richard Willis the younger in all assessments for ship-money in respect of his personal estate and residence, according as they have rated other inhabitants of his rank, and that he has paid the same. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 12. 85. Petition of Thomasine Estcourt, wife of Thomas Estcourt, of Walbrook by London Stone, merchant, to Archbishop Laud. About 30 years past petitioner married the said Thomas, and has had by

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him 15 children, yet he lives with and maintains in his house one who was some time a maid-servant there, he being a man of 150*l.* land and having had 200*l.* portion with petitioner. About 14 years since he refused to give her any means, whereupon she was compelled to sell her clothes and sue him in the High Commission Court. The cause being ready for sentence he desired to have the differences ended by friends, to which petitioner consented, and he promised to turn away his said maid-servant, and so for two years he performed, but ever since has refused to give her any means at all. For 12 years she has been relieved by friends, who are now dead, so that she is like to perish, having neither clothes, bread, nor credit, and much indebted, and her husband still living with the said woman and keeps her in his house, albeit she is wife or widow of his own son, *Richard Estcourt, to whom he married her and presently sent him to the East Indies, where he died, and Thomas keeps her, viz., Joan Edwards, styled now widow.* Prays relief or a reference to the Lord Mayor or Dr. Reeve. *Mr. John Shute and Mr. Richard Cooke endeavoured an end and certified the archbishop. [The passages above printed in italic are interlineations in the handwriting of Sir John Lambe. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.] Underwritten,*

85. I. "*I desire Sir John Lambe to send for this petitioner's husband, and examine the differences betwixt them, and give me account what he finds, that thereupon some peaceable end may be made, or if he see cause, he may be proceeded withal in the High Commission Court. 12th November 1637. W. CANT.*" [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 13. Presentation of William Bray, B.D., to the first prebend in Canterbury cathedral, void by the presentation of Dr. Warner to the bishopric of Rochester. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 13. Warrant to pay to the Master of the Horse 710*l.*, to be repaid to the coachmen, postilions, and footmen attending the King and Queen, for their apparel against Christmas next, and to make the like payment annually. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 13. Grant of denization to Cornelius Johnson, Arryon Teysson, John Arryson, Arryon Arryson, Peter Hembrickes, Cornelles Henrickes, Derricke Willenson, Bassian Jacobson, Cornelles Sallmount, Adrian Anreason, Boyd Derricke Adrienson, Peter Jobson, Albert Inglebres, and John Johnson. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 13. 86. Petition of George Tucket to the Council. Petitioner coming to some maturity of years, and finding his education, through his father's many troubles, very mean, thought to better himself by travel, and so unadvisedly without licence got into France, but his health failing, by the advice of his physicians there, he returned within five months. For which his folly, and refusing the oath, he is now and has been this month by your commands in restraint, and in such miserable estate as you may perceive by the annexed

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certificate. Prays liberty to go into the country on giving bail. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Annexed*,

86. I. *Certificate of W. Harrys, M.D., that the petitioner had had a great fever to the great danger of his life. For his recovery the country air will be very convenient.* [1 p.] *Written under his petition*,

86. II. *The Lords pray the President of the College of Physicians to visit petitioner and certify what prejudice petitioner's restraint may be to his health.* *Star Chamber, 11th October 1637.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Annexed*,

86. III. *Certificate of Simeon Fox and three others. Petitioner has been sick about 18 days, not without danger. The liberty of fresh air may much conduce to his recovery.* *13th November 1637.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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Hereford.

87. Roger Vaughan, late Sheriff of co. Hereford, to the Council. Presents an account of his service done in the business of ship-money. The total charge was 3,500*l.*, of which, by reason of various arrangements which he explains, he held himself accountable for 3,315*l.*, and the late mayor of Hereford for 185*l.* Of the 3,315*l.* he states the payment of several sums, which with the arrears, being 60*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*, made up the amount. He sends a roll of the arrears with the names and places of abode of the defaulters, with the reason for not levying every sum as each chief constable presented the same. Of the arrears, 13*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.* rested in difference between the city of Hereford and the out-parishes of Hampton [-Bishop] and Holmer, which difference being still pending before the Lords, he forbore to levy the amount. Has annexed to the roll of defaulters a list of the persons who have not paid by reason of this difference. Prays their favourable construction of his service. [*Seal with arms.* 2 pp.] *Enclosed*,

87. I. *Roll of defaulters to the ship-money for co. Hereford above mentioned.* [=12 $\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]

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88. The same to Nicholas. Recapitulates the account given in the above letter; hopes the Lords will conceive that he has done the best service in his power. Is sure they would do so were the poverty of that county as well known to them as he has found it by that employment. [*Same seal as the preceding.* 1 p.]

Nov. 13.
Mincing Lane.

89. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. We received your letter requiring an estimate for keeping in harbour till the end of December his Majesty's two royal ships, the *Sovereign of the Seas* and the *Prince Royal*. For the *Sovereign* we have his Majesty's command that she should be carried down to Erith, for which purpose there is a demand from her master for an addition of 100 men to the 200 she has already on board. Mr. Cooke is afraid she may receive prejudice by the ice in that place, two ships last year being so cut therewith, riding there, as they sank. In a matter

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of such great consequence we desire your direction, and as for her present estimate it will be uncertain. For the Prince Royal we have warrant for her transportation to Woolwich, and an estimate is already presented. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

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90. Petition of Thomas Urry and Richard Roman, Churchwardens of Gatcombe, in the Isle of Wight, to Archbishop Laud. In respect of great decays of the church of Gatcombe, there lately was by direction of Dr. Mason, chancellor of the diocese, a meeting appointed for making a rate towards repair, whereat John Worsley and others imposed on themselves and him proportionable rates, to which all of them, except Worsley only, consented and paid. There has also been for time beyond the memory of man a church-house, and garden belonging to Gatcombe; Mr. Worsley has by mere power usurped the same and converted it to his own use. Mr. Worsley being a litigious man and potent in estate (his farm being one half of the parish), not only refuses to pay the last rate, but two former also, so that the reparation of the church is hindered and the fabric endangered. Pray letters missive or monition to him to re-deliver the church-house, and garden, and satisfy the rates due by him or appear before the commissioners ecclesiastical. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

90. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to take order for letters missive for the party mentioned to answer in the High Commission Court.* 13th November 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 13.

91. Petition of Philip Butler, clerk, to the same. Having been curate for ten years past of the chapels of East Putford and Bulkworthy, belonging to the parish church of Buckland-Brewer, Devon, he has received 5*l.* yearly of the vicar, and 5*l.* more of the parishioners, which payments have been made time out of mind and confirmed by the Bishop of Exeter. But of late, Mr. Humphrey Prideaux, having a barton near one of the chapels, refuses to pay any part of petitioner's stipend, saying that he pays tithes to the vicar and impropriator; the vicar conceives that he, discharging the cure in the mother-church, ought not to pay for the parishioners' ease; so that petitioner is unpaid and knows not by whom to be relieved. Prays order to Mr. Prideaux and the other parishioners to pay the stipend. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

91. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to draw up some form for settling this business, to be sent to the Bishop of Exeter, "for there is no reason (and I think the law is so too) but that those who have the benefit of such chapel should pay for their ease."* 13th November 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

91. II. *Memorandum of Sir John Lambe. Prideaux has been before the bishop and will not pay. The curate must sue there or in the Arches by leave.* [= 2 lines.]

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92. Petition of Paul Prestland, of Market Deeping, clerk, to the same. The bells of Market Deeping, being four heavy bells wanting frames, could not for many years be rung. The churchwardens

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therefore, with consent of petitioner and the better sort of the parishioners, put the biggest of them to a bellfounder to make two tuneable bells to the other three, which being done, yet there would be overplus metal to make the saint's bell, that was so small that it could not be heard half through the parish, bigger. But some of the town would have had that metal sold to defray the charges of casting and making frames. Petitioner replied he would at his own charge make a sixth bell of it rather than it should be sold. Whereupon they violently and riotously abuse him, and with threatenings so daunt him that he fears his life, means, and reputation. Prays the protection of the archbishop, and that Abraham Ireland, William Hawkins, and Matthew Manning may be presently sent for to answer, petitioner being now ready to attend his Grace, and the weakness of his body being such that he shall not be able to take another journey. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
Underwritten,

92. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to put petitioner on the best way for his speedy and just relief. 13th November 1637. [Sir John has minuted, "Letters missive may be, &c." $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

Nov. 13. 93. Petition of Richard Bures to Archbishop Laud. In the 11th of King James, petitioner bought of John Prigeon, late registrar of Lincoln, the rectory impropriate of Canwick, in Lincoln, and paid 700*l.* for it. Not long after, petitioner being willing to have the said rectory returned to the church, sold the same to the Company of Mercers for 550*l.*, which was part of a legacy of Mr. Fishborne to buy in impropriations. The company disposed the said rectory accordingly, and have quietly enjoyed the same for 24 years. But Prigeon, in 6th James, had granted to William Gulson an annuity of 20*l.* out of the said rectory for Gulson's life and his wife's. Prigeon concealed the same from petitioner and the company, and paid the annuity during his life, but being now dead, Gulson claims his annuity, and John Prigeon, the son, to whom his father surrendered his registrarship of Lincoln, is very well able to pay the same, but the company intend to sue petitioner, a poor blind man. Prays the archbishop to take order with John Prigeon, the son, for freeing petitioner and the rectory. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

93. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to put petitioner upon such course as he shall think fittest for his just relief. 13th November 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

Nov. 13. 94. Petition of Richard Whitacres to the same. One Hooganhuysen, a Dutchman, being heretofore complained of in the High Commission for importing books printed beyond the seas, was bound not to bring in any more. One Vlack has kept up the same agency and sold books in his stead, and is lurking here, observing what is most useful and vendible, and causes it forthwith to be printed abroad. Petitioner having lately brought from Frankfort mart to Rotterdam four great vats of books to the value of 500*l.*, Hooganhuysen, upon untrue suggestions, caused them to be seized

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and sold to Vlack for 100*l*. Vlack is now preparing to go beyond seas to avoid answering his late bringing over nine bales of books contrary to the decree of the Star Chamber, and procures some persons to pretend that he is indebted to them (as formerly Hooganhuyzen did), thereby to get the books into their possession. Petitioner prays order to bring the bales to Stationers' Hall, there to remain till Vlack shall re-deliver to him the said four vats of books, or at least at the same price he bought them. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten*,

94. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to take three commissioners' hands, and by warrant bring the books above mentioned to Stationers' Hall, till this cause may be heard. 13th November 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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95. Petition of Cornelius Bee, bookseller, to Archbishop Laud. About three years since at Amsterdam there was translated into English and printed a large book called *Atlas Major*, 350 of which books, about five months ago, and before the publication of the late Star Chamber decree, petitioner bought for the use of this kingdom, and Michael Sparkes made a contract with petitioner for a third part of the said 350, whereupon petitioner deposited 100*l*. in part for the same, and engaged for the remainder, and now Sparkes has flown from his contract. Prays the archbishop's favour for the importation of the said books, being neither offensive to church nor state. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten*,

95. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to call the petitioner and Michael Sparkes before him, and let the archbishop have an account what he conceives fit to be done. 13th November 1637. [Memorandum of Sir John Lambe, "Sparkes hath attended and delivered up his warrant." $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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96. John Nicholas to his son, Edward Nicholas. I thank you for the dates and pomegranates. I sent Will. Gauntlett to Winton, to see Jack. He brought me word that his master likes him well, and that he is beloved by all the servants. He is in the 5th book, and has four juniors by his master's favour to him. He likes the school well. He was very brag, that in an exercise of 20 verses his master found not one fault, or would not seem to find it. Indeed Mr. Pinckney has taken pains with him, and made him so perfect in his rules, that he is much encouraged by it. Heard from Ned on Saturday last. He is quite well. I am sorry for your son George's infirmity. Cold is the cause of all. [2 pp.]

Nov. 14.

Petition of Sir Francis Popham, and John Popham and Alexander Popham, his sons, to the King. Sir Bartholomew Michell, seized in fee of divers manors and lands in Somerset, in February, 10th James I., made a lease thereof to Sir Francis Hele and others for 99 years, to commence from his death, upon trust for Richard Michell, his nephew, and in 1626 died. Richard Michell and his trustees, 26th April 1636, made a lease to petitioner for 80 years. In November following Richard Michell was outlawed after judgment, for

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11*l*. 16*s*. 2*d*., at the suit of Richard Spore, and in February following Daniel Dunn and Rowland Davenport obtained from your Majesty a grant of the benefit of the outlawry, and in April following procured the lease and lands to be extended into your Majesty's hands, notwithstanding Spore was offered his money, so that petitioners are in danger to lose their lease. Pray a reference and stay of proceedings in the meantime. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 190. 1 p.*]
Underwritten,

I. *Reference to the Lord Keeper and Lord Cottington, who, calling to their assistance Mr. Attorney-General, are to certify his Majesty. Whitehall, 14th November 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 191. ¼ p.]*

Nov. 14.

The Hague.

97. Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia to Sir Thomas Roe. If this reverend bearer should return without my letter to you it were not to be pardoned, therefore he will deliver you this, and looks that you shall receive him as my ambassador, which the gravity of his face and years does well deserve, therefore do not fail to receive him with as much knavish gravity and ceremony as you can, and as I know you are good at. He has gained much love and reputation here. The Prince of Orange esteems him very much, and he has not a friend wishes him better than I do. He can tell you how things pass here, where we have a new French Ambassador, who professes himself much my friend, though the French grow more uncivil to my son every day. They will not let their Ambassador give him so much as the title of Highness, which every little Prince has. Their vanity is so great since they gave the Prince of Orange that title, that none must have it but as a gift from them. By the French Ambassador's and the Prince of Orange's advice, my son has sent again to the Landgravine and Milandre that he will make levies to join with them and their army, desiring them to appoint him some good place of rendezvous. This my son is resolved upon, and I hope my brother will assist him in it. I wish you were going to this assembly at Hamburgh or here. Let me freely know which way I shall take to have you sent. Write it to me, and none shall know it comes from you. The Polish Ambassador is here. I have taken no notice of him, following my brother's example. His chief business is to persuade the States to be content with the new toll his master desires to make at Dantzick, which I believe they will not be. [2 pp.]

Nov. 14.

Inner Temple.

98. William Walter, late Sheriff of co. Oxford, to Nicholas. Acknowledges receipt of letter, certifying that it is not well taken that he did not send up an account of the assessment of his county. He did prepare such an account for so much of the county as he undertook to assess and collect himself, and delivered it to the under-sheriff appointed him, to be fitted up for that part of the county which he was to despatch, and so to convey the book to Nicholas. Entreats thereupon that this blame may be taken off from him. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

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- Nov. 14. 99. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 3,000*l.* paid by Sir John Rous, late Sheriff of co. Worcester, in part of 3,500*l.* ship-money charged upon that county under writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Nov. 14. 100. Like receipt for 80*l.* paid by Thomas Smith on behalf of John Gibbs, late treasurer of [Saffron] Walden, ship-money collected in that town under writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Nov. 14. 101. Account of anticipations as they now stand charged upon future receipts of income. Among the payments which had thus been made, there are,—
- 9th August 1637, brass ordnance for the new ship, 1,000*l.*
 21st June „ the Palsgrave, 3,000*l.*
 3rd July „ Sir Henry Wotton, 230*l.*
 22nd May „ Sir Peter Rubens, 1,500*l.*
 28th Sept. 1636, Mr. Jermyn, for a diamond ring, 700*l.*
- with many large payments to Job Harby for redemption of the jewels, to the executors of Heriot the jeweller, to Sir Sackville Crow, to Richard Crane, executor of Sir Francis Crane, and on other accounts. The total amount of the anticipations was 385,061*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* [$6\frac{1}{3}$ pp]
- Nov. 14. 102. Answer of William Taylor, of the parish of Christ Church, London, stationer, to articles objected against him in the High Commission. A little before Easter, Gregory Dexter, examinant's fellow-servant, showed him a letter from Mr. Prynne with the copy of an epistle therein to be printed, and told examinant they should be well paid for it. The schedule showed to him is part of the copy. It contained 8 pages. He and Dexter printed 1,000 of one half of the said epistle, and 500 of the other half. Dexter composed the whole, and after they had printed a fair proof, Dexter threw the written copy in the fire. Some 5 or 6 weeks before Easter there was a letter sent from Mr. Prynne by Nathaniel Wickens, his man, to Dexter, and therein was a little book called "Instructions to Churchwardens," which examinant and Dexter printed. They printed 1,000 of them. After they were printed, Dexter sealed them up in cap paper and carried them to Mr. Wickens's house in Newgate Market. About a time articulate, Nathaniel Wickens came to the back door by the press, to which he was appointed by Dexter to come, and after some little parley Dexter went forth and stayed about half an hour. Examinant believes that he went into Newgate Market to the house of Mr. Wickens, a cheesemonger, to meet with Mr. Prynne, and showed him a proof of the scandalous epistle aforesaid. Some day or two after the copy was brought to Dexter as aforesaid, he showed examinant a letter of the matter aforesaid, being a great C, very curiously cut in box-wood, which he said was sent by Mr. Prynne close sealed up, and was to be used for the first letter of the said scandalous epistle, which they used accordingly. Mr. Prynne sent that letter because the same was new and not known among the printers of London. It was cut of purpose for this use, it being

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a very complete letter, and the best examinant ever saw. What is become of it he knows not. [5 pp.]

Nov. 14. 103. See "Papers relating to Appointments in the Navy."

Nov. 15. 104. Minute by Nicholas of report made to the Council by Robert Tayer, under-sheriff of Sussex. The sheriff had rated the ship-money, none refused to pay, and the 8th December was the day appointed for payment. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Nov. 15. 105. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 14*l.* 18*s.* paid by George Watkins, late bailiff of Burford, co. Oxford, ship-money collected in that town under writ of 12th August 1636. [*Underwritten is a subsequent acknowledgment of having received 10*s.* 6*d.* more.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 15. 106. Officers of the Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. When they delivered the late breviate of the charge of repairs, the Leopard, the Mary Rose, the Roebuck, and the First Whelp had not come in. Their repairs amount to 629*l.* 10*s.*, for which the writers desire a warrant. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 15. 107. Officers of Ordnance to Montjoy Earl of Newport, Master of the Ordnance. Report on the case of Rice Thomas, late gunner of the Tenth Whelp, and in reference to the letter of the Lords of the Admiralty thereon of the 30th October last (*See p.* 503.) On his return from sea they found him short nine barrels of powder, which they certified to the Lords of the Admiralty. Whether his punishment have been sufficient to expiate his offence, they think most proper to be determined by those Lords. In the art of gunnery they conceive him a very able man, and could they be assured of his honest demeanour they would recommend him. For his wages, if the Lords think his two years' imprisonment punishment sufficient, they would do a work of charity to allow him the same. [1 p.]

Nov. $\frac{15}{25}$. 108. Colonel George Goring to Sec. Windebank. Thanks for favours. As to accidents which have fallen out there to the prejudice of his Majesty's subjects, his weakness has made him unfit to report upon them; but he finds such appearance of his recovery that he hopes shortly to deliver the Secretary an account of them by word of mouth. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Nov. 15. Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Navy. Having Whitehall. received your letter of the 13th instant, we pray you to forbear stirring the Prince from Chatham until further order, for such is his Majesty's pleasure. As concerning the Sovereign of the Seas, you are to carry her down to Erith, pressing such men as may be requisite. As to the [Red] Lion, you are to stay any further proceeding on her reparations till his Majesty shall have seen her himself, or you receive further order from us. We expect your attendance at our meeting on Saturday next. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 65.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 15. The same to Montjoy Earl of Newport. It being a full year since Whitehall. our contract with Mr. Cordewell, we pray you to cause a certificate to

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be sent to us by Saturday, under the hands of the Officers of the Ordnance, what quantity of gunpowder he has brought in from the 1st November 1636 to the last of October last past. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 65. ¼ p.*]

Nov. 16.

Petition of Edward Warren to the King. John Warren, petitioner's late father, borrowed of Sir Robert Banister 4,000*l.* upon mortgage of the manor of Woodlump-ton, co. Lancaster, being the ancient inheritance of petitioner's ancestors. Petitioner's father failed in payment; Sir Robert Banister took advantage of the forfeiture, and soon after petitioner's father was imprisoned for debt and died in prison, leaving petitioner an infant and in ward to your Majesty, all his evidences being in strangers' hands, whereby he was disabled from seeking relief against Sir Robert Banister. About a year since petitioner happened to find out the counterparts of the writings concerning the mortgage, and has made suit to Sir Robert to redeem the said manor. At first Sir Robert seemed willing to yield thereunto, but he now pretends that he so estated the manor at the marriage of his son, as that his interest therein is settled upon an infant, which is purposely to defeat your petitioner. Prays a reference to some of the Privy Council and the judges to direct a course for petitioner to have again his land. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 191. 1½ p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *Reference to the Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer, and Earl of Bridgewater, taking to their assistance Sir Dudley Digges, Master of the Rolls, Lord Chief Justice Finch, and Sir Richard Hutton, to examine and determine these differences if they can, otherwise to certify his Majesty where the impediment lies. Whitehall, 16th November 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 192. ½ p.]*

Nov. 16.

The like of Sir William Brouncker and Allen Boteler to the same. Sundry good laws have been made concerning all sorts of cloth and kerseys, as for viewing, searching, and sealing the same, and against such as become false makers and workers thereof, or shall mix or stiffen the same with oatmeal or other deceivable stuff, or shall transport cloth and oatmeal or other grain beyond seas not being at certain prices, and against ill carding, weaving, dressing, dyeing, and colouring of cloth and kerseys, and against jobbers, which are such as buy yarn and do not convert the same into cloth, and against many other offenders. Nevertheless offenders daily increase, and, if not timely remedied, tend to the overthrow both of trade and traffic in clothing. Pray a commission authorizing commissioners by petitioners to be nominated to compound with those who have incurred penalties within three years past, and to prosecute such as are guilty and will not compound. [*Copy. Ibid., p. 193. 1 p.*] *Underwritten,*

- I. *Minute of the King's pleasure to grant petitioners their desire, with direction to the Attorney-General to prepare a bill*

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containing a commission to that purpose directed to Sir Edward Wardour and 23 others, and appointing Sir Edward Wardour receiver. Whitehall, 16th November 1637. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 194. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Nov. 16.

109. Petition of Bartholomew Warner, clerk, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner, by prosecution of William Hewett, of Dunton-Basset, co. Leicester, impropiator of the church there, is brought into the High Commission, and also sued at the common law on the same pretended occasion. Pleads his poverty (the vicarage not being worth above 20*l.* per annum), large family, and inability to wage law with so potent and malicious an adversary, and that the matters objected are not worthy the trouble of so high a court. Prays a reference for determination to Sir John Lambe, Sir Nathaniel Brent, and Dr. Rives. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

109. *I. Reference to Sir John Lambe to end this cause if he can; if not, to give the archbishop an account of it. 16th November 1637. [Sir John Lambe has underwritten, "Warner denieth all in the High Commission." $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

Nov. 16.
Whitehall.

110. Lords of the Admiralty to Sir John Pennington. We like well of your care in sending in the First Whelp, and pray you to keep under your command the Providence, which we have ordered to be supplied with victuals till the 1st of April next. If the captain that is now in her be willing to come in, we shall give order for him whom you recommend, otherwise we hold it unfit to displace the present captain. [*Seal of the Lords.* 1 p.]

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Copy of the preceding letter. [*See Vol. cccliii., fol. 65 b.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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Whitehall.

The same to the Officers of the Navy. We directed you to cause the First Whelp to be victualled till the 1st April next. That ship is now sent in from sea, and we have appointed the Providence to be continued abroad in her place. We pray you to give order that the Providence be victualled in place of the First Whelp until 1st April next. [*Copy. Ibid.* $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Nov. 16.

111. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 26*l.* 9*s.* paid by Thomas Wigmore, sheriff of co. Hereford for the year 1635, being ship-money in part of 4,000*l.* charged upon that county by writ of 4th August 1635. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 16.
Cambridge.

112. William Styroppe to Dr. Thomas Rives, his Majesty's advocate. Sends him information respecting the church of Old Sleaford, the character of its building, and its payment of tenths down to the year 1597. Also concerning the churches anciently existing in Kirkby Lathrop [le Thorpe], co. Lincoln. [1 p.]

Nov. 16.

113. Abstract of all manner of serviceable provisions remaining in his Majesty's storehouses at Chatham, Woolwich, Deptford, and Portsmouth, as also on board the ships in harbour, certified by Kenrick Edisbury. This abstract contains the total quantities of all

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stores of cordage, anchors, masts, timber, and provisions of that kind, not including any provisions for victualling. [*Nicholas has added in a note, on the information of Sir William Russell, given the 18th inst., that there was about 10,000*l.* owing for part of those stores. 3 pp.*]

Nov. 17.

114. Petition of Dame Alice Fulwood to the King. It has been the miserable fortune of Roger Fulwood, my younger son, and Richard Bowen to be found guilty at the King's Bench bar yesterday, upon an old statute, for taking away and marrying Sarah Cox. If the matter had been found so barbarous as general report had famed it, I durst not have taken upon me to supplicate your grace. But the matter upon full examination neither appeared so foul, nor accompanied with such circumstances of aggravation, but that they may be rendered fit subjects for mercy, which petitioner, with her unfortunate and distressed child, most humbly beseech. [1 p.] *Endorsed,*

114. I. *Reference to the Lord Chief Justice and the rest of the judges of the King's Bench, to certify the true state of the fact committed by Roger Fulwood, as it stands proved before them. Whitehall, 17th November 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] Annexed,*

114. II. *Lord Chief Justice Bramston, Sir William Jones, and Sir George Croke to the King. Report on the case above mentioned, which had been tried on the Thursday preceding. Fulwood and Bowen were convicted under a good law of the 3rd Henry VII., whereby the taking of women against their wills, for lucre of their substance, and marrying or defiling them is made felony. The facts are stated at length as they appear in a paper before calendared, Vol. ccclxvii., Nos. 94, and are left to the King's wisdom. [1 p.]*

Nov. 17.

115. William Walter, late Sheriff of co. Oxford, to Nicholas. Understanding that the Lords desire to know what security I have taken of Lewis Harris for the performance of the office of undersheriff, these are to inform you that I had delivered three bonds, one from himself and his brother, a vintner in Oxford, for 600*l.*, another of 200*l.* from Egerly [Edgerley?], the carrier of Oxford, and another of 100*l.* from a baker in Oxford, for performance of covenants for the execution of the office, but whether they extend to this particular service or no I dare not say. The testimony of his approbation in his Majesty's service formerly, made me receive him and his security without delay of examinations, he being otherwise unknown to me. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

Nov. 17.

116. Certificate of Richard Poole of the quantity of saltpetre brought into his Majesty's store and delivered to Samuel Cordewell for the twelve months due last October 1637. Total, 243 lasts 15 cwt. 7 lbs. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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Office of
Ordnance.

117. Officers of Ordnance to Lords of the Admiralty. Mr. Cordewell has brought into his Majesty's magazine from 1st November 1636 to 7th November 1637 several quantities of good corn gunpowder, of which a detailed account is given, and which amount in the whole to 240 lasts, which is his full year's proportion according to his contract. [1 p.]

Nov. 17.

118. Account between the executors of Sir Nicholas Fortescue [Sir Basil Brooke and his brother William Brooke?] and Endymion Porter in respect of certain moneys "lent to North Somercotes" and interest thereon. The account runs from 16th February 1635 to this day, when William Brooke acknowledged the receipt of 312*l.* in part of 430*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* due from Porter, and there is a subsequently written memorandum that Sir Basil Brooke and William Brooke were paid the remainder on 2nd May 1638. [2 pp.]

Nov. 18.

Petition of William Brass and Michael Crake to the King. Your Majesty has granted a commission for settling common maltsters and brewers, and by your instructions you have signified that all such persons as desire to make composition for those trades shall first bring in the true contents of their steeping-vats, cisterns, or mash-tuns, whereby they may be contracted for with more or lesser sums of money. Divers covetous dealers have already given in less dimensions than their vessels are of, intending to defraud your revenue. Pray a grant to petitioners of the office of surveying all such cisterns, vats, and tuns, with such fee as your Majesty shall think fit. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 194. 1 p.] Underwritten,

i. Reference to the Lord Treasurer to consider and certify.
Whitehall, 18th November 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 195.
 $\frac{1}{6}$ p.]

Nov. 18.

119. Receipt of Lionel Wake the younger for 800*l.* paid by Endymion Porter for so much received by him of his Majesty for the account of Sir Paul Rubens, in part payment of 3,000*l.* due to him by his Majesty for pictures; received under letter of attorney of the said Sir Paul, dated in Antwerp, $\frac{1}{2}$ November 1637. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 18.
Wells.

120. Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells, to the Council. Recites letter of the Council of the 30th September last, whereby he was directed to investigate the practices of William Gilbert *alias* Yeaton, of Priestleigh, in the parish of Doultling, Somerset, in undertaking various cures by his seventh son, called Richard, of the age of about 5 years. (See Vol. ccclxviii., No. 88.) Reports at large thereon, first setting forth who and what William Gilbert was, and that the opinion that his seventh son (never a girl being between) had the power of curing the king's evil, wens, and other swellings, was first spread abroad by the child's grandmother, who did the office of a midwife at his birth. Upon her persuasion, John Norton had a wen stroked with the hand of the child on the morning after its birth, the touch being deemed more salutary before the child was christened.

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Other people took up the notion, and Henry Poynting adduced in its favour a book entitled "A Thousand Notable Things," printed at London in 1612, in which the power of healing by touch was stated to be a natural gift possessed by such children as well as by kings and queens. The bishop describes the manner in which the child touched, which he did every Monday morning, saying "I touch and God heals." The number of persons who came to be touched before last spring was not more than 20 in the whole, but from that time they had gone on increasing, until at length they came out of divers counties, some being persons of quality, and filled the inns, alehouses, and private houses in and about Priestleigh. Neither the child nor his father received any gifts, save fruit, sugar, points, garters, scarves, and such like trifles, nor had they used any imposture or deceit, but had been merely carried away by a simple credulity, which made them a little vainglorious. The bishop had commanded the father not to suffer his child to touch any more, and he had promised obedience. [7 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.]

Nov. 18.
Wells.

121. Bishop Pierce, of Bath and Wells, to the Council. Recites order of the Council of the 25th May last, that William Strode, of Barrington, should repair to the bishop and acknowledge his sorrow, and give the bishop satisfaction for the offence which his words had occasioned to him when sitting on a reference about ship-money. (*See Vol. ccclvii., No. 65.*) The bishop renders thanks to the Lords for their noble favour unto him, and certifies that Mr. Strode had given him full satisfaction by an ingenuous acknowledgment of his fault. [1 p.]

Nov. 18.

122. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 400*l.* paid by Richard Lewis on behalf of Sir William Lewis, late sheriff of co. Brecknock, ship-money collected in the said county under writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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123. Similar receipt for 8*l.* paid by Bartholomew Cox, late mayor of Wells, Somerset, ship-money collected in the said city under writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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124. Account of Sir William Russell of arrears remaining due of ship-money under writs of August 1635. Total, 8,710*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*, which is reduced by Nicholas by certain allowances to 5,910*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* [1 p.]

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125. Similar account of sums received and in arrear under writs of August 1636. Total received, 177,842*l.* 0*s.* 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; in arrear, 18,772*l.* 7*s.* 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* [1 p.]

Nov. 18.

126. Account of ship-money levied and in the hands of the sheriffs, 5,280*l.*, which makes the total sum collected 183,122*l.*, and reduces the arrear to 13,278*l.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 18.

Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Officers of Navy to attend this day with an account of the state of the stores. Mr. Clobery to attend about saltpetre from

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Barbary, stayed by your order. Consider petitions of divers pursers of the navy. I have attended Sir Henry Marten concerning the form of discharge to be given to accountants in the Admiralty, and he approves of those I have to present to you, which please to despatch. Consider Capt. Kettleby's petition. Mr. Railton knows of no money sent over from Ireland to pay Capt. Kettleby. Sir Henry Marten having considered Mr. Bassett's certificate touching encroachments on the Admiralty in those parts, conceives a messenger should be sent for such of Mr. Arundel's servants as took goods seized for his Majesty out of the Marshal's deputy's hands. Appoint a boatswain for the Nicodemus. Resolve what shall be done with the foreign gunpowder brought in by Mr. Cockcroft since the proclamation. Peruse letters from the Earl of Newport and Officers of Ordnance; also from the Dean of Windsor. What merchant ships shall be taken up next year; intimation that they may provide victuals at the best time. [*See Vol. ccclxx., No. 80. 1½ p.*]

Nov. 18.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Attorney-General Bankes. We send you petition of John All, biscuit-maker, and other papers concerning his performance of his Majesty's service; and because we remember that Edward Ryder, mentioned in the petition, was for his insufficiency put out from being employed for making biscuit for the navy, we pray you to advise what is fit to be done for petitioner's relief. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 65 b. ½ p.*]

Nov. 18.
Whitehall.

The same to the Farmers and Officers of the Customs. There is arrived in the port of London from Portsmouth a bark, Edward Capell master, in which there is good quantity of foreign saltpetre, which we caused to be formerly stayed at Portsmouth for his Majesty's service. The said saltpetre is to be unladen and put into safe custody till further directions from us. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 66. ¼ p.*]

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Another copy of the same. [*See Vol. ccxcii., p. 70. ½ p.*]

Nov. 18.
Whitehall.

Order of the same Lords on the petition of Louis de Bois, Francis and Manuel Ramiros Pina, Anthonio Galles and others, merchant strangers. Petitioners had laden aboard the Pelican, of Hamburg, goods to a great value, among which the Queen-mother of France had certain sugars for her own use, which were taken within sight of Dover by letters of reprisal granted to Robert South, Gregory Clements, &c., and Sir Henry Marten has given sentence on behalf of the captors. Petitioners immediately appealed, but notwithstanding the appeal, South and Clements disposed of the goods. Petitioners pray an inhibition to appoint a time when all proceedings before the Judge of Admiralty be brought in, and that in the meantime the moneys may be deposited. The Lords ordered the registrar of the Court of Delegates to receive the appeal and to issue an inhibition, the Court of Admiralty to stay further proceedings and decree for the transmission of the same as prayed. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 66. ½ p.*]

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Nov. 18.
Whitehall.

Order of the Lords of the Admiralty on another petition of the same petitioners, to the same effect as the preceding, but having relation to the Salvador, of Hamburgh, which had been taken in her passage to Dover. The order was in the same words as the preceding. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 66 b. ½ p.*]

Nov. 18.

Entry on the Admiralty Register of Kenrick Edisbury's abstract of the serviceable provisions in his Majesty's storehouses at Chatham, Woolwich, Deptford, and Portsmouth, already calendared under its date of the 16th November inst., No. 113. [*Copy. Ibid., fol. 67. 2½ pp.*]

Nov. 18.
Whitehall.

Order of the Commissioners for Saltpetre and Gunpowder. Samuel Cordewell, his Majesty's gunpowder-maker, shall refine the foreign saltpetre which he is to receive from Mr. Loveland and other merchants, and is to have so much thereof as upon refining it shall produce, at the rate of 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per ton, which was allowed him for the like Barbary saltpetre bought of Mr. Onby. [*Copy. See Vol. ccxcii., p. 70. ⅙ p.*]

Nov. 18.
Lambeth.

127. William Dell to Sir John Lambe. My Lord's Grace desires you to draw up some order in his name for joining some grave clergyman with Sir John Huett [Hewett], sheriff of co. Huntingdon, for settling complaints of the clergy concerning the assessment of the ship-money. Sir John has endorsed the names and preferments of Dr. Walcott, Dr. Pocklington, Dr. Drayton, and Dr. Hanger. [*Seal with arms. ½ p.*]

Nov. 18.
Burderop.

128. Sir William Calley to Richard Harvey. The letter from Antwerp, which has been sent back again, may have concerned Mr. Wake's business. I am glad you have settled matters between Mr. Throckmorton and Mr. Holman, and between the latter and myself. The sheriff of Hants has laid a kind of extent on the Titchbornes' lands, which is like to be worth nothing, and so I am in good possibility to be cheated of my 5*l.* Being John Titchborne is the King's servant, advise me how I might obtain leave to arrest him. I long to hear what is like to become of the Bishop of Lincoln's business. [*Seal with arms. 1 p.*]

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See "Papers relating to Appointments in the Navy."

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1. Queen Elizabeth of Bohemia to Archbishop Laud. The bearer, wife to the Bishop of Castell [Cashel], in Ireland, was daughter to my nurse, and her younger sister was my foster-sister, who, having been long married and mother of many children, has made a far journey to see me in these countries. I recommend her to your favour. The particulars I leave to herself. I earnestly desire you to countenance her suit to the King. [*¾ p.*]

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2. Christopher Wren, Dean of Windsor, to Nicholas. It was no piece of my petition to his Majesty that letters should be directed by Sir Thomas Roe to the Lords of the Admiralty for my relief against Thornhill, or that others be joined in assistance with them. They were directions from the Sovereign *mero motu*. I have therefore entreated Sec. Windebank to present this my just apology, and to desire that their letters be directed to any of those gentlemen whose names I have set down to certify the truth of my allegations. I hope to close up our chapter at Windsor, where I am now tied, and to wait on you before the term go out for these letters. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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Bicton.

3. Denis Rolle, late Sheriff of Devon, to the same. I have with much difficulty collected 111*l.* of the arrear of 130*l.*; the residue I cannot yet collect, it being in part payable by such as are either dead or gone out of the country, or such as in pity of their poverty my bailiffs have forborne to distrain, and some part is due from constables who have not yet paid in at full; yet I have given order to pay Sir William Russell the whole arrear. I hope the Lords will pardon my late payment. [*Seal with arms.* $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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4. Petition of Roger Forte, one of the churchwardens of South Petherton, Somerset, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner being a plain man, and having notice that the clerk or sexton of the parish had in making a grave in one aisle of the church digged up a sheet of lead, wherein a corpse had been (by conjecture) 200 or 300 years ago buried, but neither inscription nor any ground-stone or monument, and the body all consumed to dust, and the leads of the church being in great need of reparation, petitioner with the minister, his fellow-churchwarden, and all the chief of the parishioners, caused the said lead to be employed therein, not converting any of it to his own or any other use. Yet James Beale has questioned petitioner before his ordinary for the same, and petitioner putting in an unskilful proctor is excommunicated for not doing a very extreme penance. Prays the archbishop to hear or refer the cause, and if he shall find petitioner's innocent simplicity proved, he begs the archbishop's favour. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

4. 1. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to give an account of the particulars here suggested.* 19th November 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 20.

Grant of a pension of 140*l.* per annum to John Aytoun, usher to Prince Charles, for life, upon a surrender of a life pension granted to Sir Robert Aytoun. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 20.

Warrant to pay Basil Lord Fielding 1,000*l.* for his extraordinary charges in transporting himself as his Majesty's ambassador extraordinary from Venice to Turin. [*Docquet.*]

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The like to pay Sir Thomas Jermyn 1,500*l.* as of his Majesty's free gift. [*Docquet.*]

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Nov. 20. Presentation of Robert Brooke, clerk, to the rectory of Laugharne *alias* Talaugharne, in the diocese of St. David's, in his Majesty's gift by lapse *pro hac vice*. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 20. The like of Dennis Prideaux, clerk, to the rectory of Honiton, in the diocese of Exeter, void by simony and in his Majesty's gift *pro hac vice*. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 20. Winchester. 5. Certificate of Robert Tooker, Mayor of Winchester, and three others of the same city, on the request of Anne, wife of Richard Fidden, of Winchester, innholder, that the said Richard left his inn at Michaelmas last, and has ever since lived in a small tenement in the said city, not fit to give any entertainment to more than his own family. [*Seal of the city of Winchester.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 20. 6. Memorandum that this day Christopher Godmond, constable of Over Staveley, Westmoreland, whipped and stocked William Appleby and William Tully, both of Lincolnshire, the former of the age of four score, tall of stature, pale of complexion, the other of the age of forty-one, red of complexion, and of middle stature, and that he gave them a pass to travel to their own country in ten days. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Nov. 20. Sir Thomas Roe to the Prince Elector Palatine. I hope you will not doubt that all means have been used to his Majesty for some supply to raise you on your wings, but you know what has been ever the difficulty to engage his Majesty, whereof he is so wary that he will not counsel that which shall of necessity engage him in honour, especially before the conclusion of the treaty. If he were in any way engaged, that is all France expects, and might perhaps cool them to accomplish the treaty. If you had gone up without any consultation to the Hessian army, and from thence written, you had obtained your desires. My opinion is that you put it yet to adventure, and though it will not be fit to engage the name of the King, yet you may give sufficient assurance to them, by showing them the reasons why you first address them, as the only way to engage his Majesty, and that when you shall be in action of honour you shall find friends and means to support them. Your reasons to stay a trial are such as might justly have retarded any condition but yours. You must lay the first corner-stone yourself. Offer yourself to action; if not as a general, as a confederate; and leave the rest to time, occasion, and the merit of your own virtue. Unless you do this, I fear all other men's persuasions will have little power. In this I have written more largely to Sir Thomas Ferentz. Concerning the West India design I have delivered my opinion, but to hope to work anything here by the archbishop or any other great man, where it is held to be of greatest importance to preserve his Majesty from engagement, is labour lost. I am informed that the French reproach us in the treaty as negligent to bring the Swedes into the business. I hear they are now content to send an ambassador, but with such limitations that I suspect the issue. It is the

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treaty which must maintain your action, and yourself that must work the treaty, both by your friends and by being engaged. For your pension here I wrote in my last. Suggests a mode of raising money upon it in Holland. [*Copy. See Vol. ccclxix., No. 4. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

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7. Sir Thomas Roe to Colonel Thomas Ferentz. Concerning the West Indies I can say little more than I did in my last letters to the Elector Palatine and to yourself, but this, that after so much solicitation as made me seem a dreamer, yesterday the Lord Marshal moved it to his Majesty, and it is ordered that himself will hear me next week. There will be two rocks to get over; the first, that his Majesty will endure the consequence of a breach with Spain; the second, how the diffidence between the King and subject in these times may be so removed that the one may offer to encourage and be sure not to be refused, the other to adventure courageously and be sure to enjoy their privileges. I have sounded these things, and conclude that though there be nothing more safe than to put a bridle in the teeth of the House of Austria, nothing more honourable, no time so opportune, no work more easy and profitable, yet this action must be left to more generous times, and another age, who will wonder at our blindness and want of courage. Not that I am not assured his Majesty's judgment and will is right, as the head, but all the members are so out of joint, and there is no trust among ourselves, thereupon there is no trust for you upon us. One exception I make. If the treaty necessitate a breach with Spain, that will reunite all jealousies. The King will need his people, and the people must defend their King and all his righteous quarrels; so that no confederacy, no war; no war, no invasion of the Indies. What is others' misery must be our cure. What then is to be done? It is not enough that the States of the Provinces say they are ready, passively. They must provoke and quicken the confederacy. If the French make peace, and the Swedes come only to hear what shall be proposed for themselves, the States must bear the fury of the war alone; so that it is they only must clear up this mist. For the treaty, it is here expected that Mons. Bellievre has brought some conclusion, but he has been here three weeks, and some days arrived in London, attending, as is pretended, his papers that were embarked with him and beaten off at sea: *malum omen!* Commissions are sent for our part, one to Mr. Avery, another to Sir William Boswell, but seeing they are not sure of the place, I am afraid they are as unsure what they will resolve. The French reproach us as able to bring the Swedes. I have two advices respecting their disposition, the first agreeing with Camerarius that Dr. Salvius has commission at Ham-
burgh, but erroneous or deceiving that the chancellor's son shall follow after. My correspondence assures me that he is designed not for Germany but for the King of Hungary. His father will never send him again to us, having taken himself once affronted, but he will seek to recover his credit by making him the instrument of peace. The later advice is that the French treaty having been communicated to the Swedes they have deputed one of the Council of State

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to assist in the treaty, because they will not be the first to desert the cause, and to declare that, unless his Majesty will assist them with money, or make his nephew considerable by an army, they will have no interest in the war. So that I conclude there is little hope of the treaty with their concurrence, and not much with ours. The death of the Landgrave of Hesse you well know that I have heard, and what my opinion upon it was. I was moved by the Prince's own spirit to get into his possession that army. It was not probable that his Majesty would give the counsel that would engage him, which yet he would assist, being done. The Prince ought to put that to hazard which wisdom cannot always warrant. I was not of the counsel that he should put the King to such an approbation, much less to communicate to the French Ambassador that his Majesty had been so far consulted, but to have begun there, to have laid the obligation upon the French King, as most interested in that army. But now it is too late to recall, and I fear that business is embroiled. What answer his Highness shall obtain for money I dare not determine, but if it be not too late, my advice is that, with what volunteers and gentlemen that will follow his person, he show himself in the army, and offer according to conjunctures, and that he intimate to the French his obligation to them for his first action, and that he is assured his uncle will own him there; to the Hessians that he comes to spend his life in honour, and that he will bring to them what he has, which may oblige the King of England to take them into his care and protection. If there be better counsel, I shall be glad to learn it. Thus much zeal for truth has exacted from me, which I dare not write to the Queen or Prince, because there is due to them a tender decorum of style, and truth may be rude. You may deliver as much as you find agree with their service, or burn it, at your discretion. [*Copy. 4 pp.*]

Nov. 20. 8. Sir John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. I have spoken with the captain of the Providence, according to your command in yours of the 16th inst., about his staying out till the beginning of April, and find him very willing. I intend to send in the Expedition two days hence, her victualling ending the 29th, and the Unicorn the 1st of the next month, hers ending 12 or 13 days after, and then I shall have no more with me but those which you have ordered to stay out the winter. By reason of these easterly winds we have had no ships in hither from any part. [*1 p.*]

[Nov. 21. Warrant to pay to Humphrey Rogers, one of the keepers of the Great Park at Richmond, 290*l.* for building a lodge for himself in the said park. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 21. A like to pay to the same the fee of 50*l.* per annum, to commence from Lady Day 1636, to continue during pleasure. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 21. A like to pay to Lodowick Carlisle, one of the keepers of Richmond Park, the like fee of 50*l.*, to commence from the same time and for the same continuance. [*Docquet.*]

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Nov. 21. Grant of protection to Philip Burlamachi and Pompeo Calandrini, of London, merchants, for three months from the expiration of their former protection. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 21. Petition of Montjoy Earl of Newport to the King. About ten years since petitioner married with his now wife, one of the daughters of John Lord Boteler, lately deceased, who by his promise was to pay to petitioner 2,000*l.* for a marriage portion, whereof 1,000*l.* only is paid. On petition of the said Lord Boteler in May last, in respect of the weakness of understanding of William his only son, you gave him leave to nominate Francis Lord Dunsmore and Endymion Porter, two other of his sons-in-law, and now executors of his will, to have the management of the said William and his lands, with power to the master of the Court of Wards to settle the same according to the rules of that court; whereupon it was ordered in that court on 23rd May last that a commission should go out to inquire of the idiocy of the said William. Petitioner, in regard of the nearness betwixt him and the executors, desires that suits may be avoided between them, and yet that he may not be barred of his 1,000*l.* by means of his long forbearance. Prays direction to the Court of Wards that his 1,000*l.* may be paid. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 195. 1½ p.*] Underwritten,

1. *Reference to Lord Cottington to order the 1,000*l.* to be paid out of the estate of the deceased Lord Boteler, if he found the same to be due. Whitehall, 21st November 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 196. ¼ p.]*

Nov. 21. 9. The like of Nowell Warner, master of your Majesty's barge, to the same. Upon a reference to the Earl of Arundel and Surrey and Sec. Windebank divers things were by them ordered touching the restraint of petitioner from an immoderate transportation of lampreys. Since which, upon a petition of divers fishermen of the Thames to the Council, and a reference to the Lord Mayor and Sir Henry Marten, a price was certified and ordered, which petitioner is content to pay for so many as he shall transport. But now the fishermen having a great price, go about to enforce petitioner to take from them, and to pay for, more lampreys than he can transport, which will utterly undo him. Prays a reference to settle these differences or certify to the Council. [*¾ p.*] Underwritten,

9. 1. *Reference to the Earl of Arundel and Surrey, the Earl of Dorset, and Sec. Windebank, to settle such order herein as they shall think fit. Whitehall, 21st November 1637. [¼ p.]*

Nov. 21. Copy of the preceding petition and reference. [*See Vol. cccxxviii. p. 197. 1 p.*]

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[Nov. 21 ?] 10. Petition of Capt. Thomas Bardsey to the King. Having taken into your consideration the sufferings of your subjects inhabiting near the city of London by the intrusion of aliens and unprofitable persons, whereby many robberies are committed, principally by want of government in those places, your Majesty for

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remedy of these abuses incorporated all places within three miles of London, and appointed justices of peace for punishment of offenders, which cannot be duly performed for want of a provost-marshal to seek for such offenders, for which purpose the city of London is provided with one. Prays his Majesty to confer that office upon petitioner, who ever since his Majesty's coming out of Spain has been a commander in most expeditions. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 21.
Lambeth.

11. William Dell to Sir John Lambe. The archbishop has taken such care of Mr. Vaughan's business, or rather of his own jurisdiction, that he has moved his Majesty about it, who assumes all the differences betwixt the Ecclesiastical Courts and the Court of the Marches of Wales into his own hearing, and has given command to the Lord President for respiting all further proceedings there. So I suppose Mr. Vaughan will have no need of his prohibition. Fail not to send him to my Lord, who desires to speak with him, and I was so wise as not to inquire his lodging. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 22.
Whitehall.

12. The Council to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. Having considered the manifest refractoriness of sundry persons presuming to build in contempt of proclamations and orders for restraint of the increase of buildings, especially upon new foundations, and finding many houses erected since the date of the commission for compounding with such as formerly had offended, and that the same had been done with a high hand, not regarding the inhibitions of the Commissioners for Buildings, the justices of peace, constables, and other officers, we in his Majesty's name command and require you, the sheriffs of London and Middlesex, to demolish all such houses as are mentioned in a schedule annexed, and such other houses as from time to time shall be returned to you from this Beard. [2 pp.]

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Whitehall.

13. The same to the same. Recite warrant for the demolition of various buildings, dated the last of December 1635, and directed to the then sheriffs of London and Middlesex. We understand that a great part of the said buildings are not demolished. We renew the same warrant, and give you charge to cause the same to be forthwith demolished, except those in Pease Close. [1 p.]

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14. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 100*l.* paid by Sir Edward Bishop, late sheriff of Sussex, in part of 5,000*l.* ship-money charged on that county under writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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15. Affidavit of John Burge, of Chewton, Somerset. He was last year constable of the hundred of Chewton, and was employed to petition the Council and the officers of Green Cloth for easing the hundred of a great overcharge imposed upon them for ship-money and his Majesty's provision, and disbursed about the same 20*l.*, the particulars whereof he has shown to the hundred jury, who desire the same to be paid. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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16. List of causes specially appointed for hearing in the Court of Star Chamber. They were Nicholas Bacon *versus* Sir Henry

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Anderson and others; Edmund Phillips and others *versus* Sir Gilbert Gerrard and others; John Lord Mohun *versus* Sir James Bagg and others; and the Attorney-General *versus* John All and another. [*Of these causes it would seem that the first only was part heard this day, and the list was therefore continued until the 24th, the next sitting day.* 1 p.]

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17. Notes by Sec. Windebank of causes heard in the Star Chamber this day. Before the cause list was gone upon there was a proceeding *ore tenus* against Winter, Ashfield, Ranse, and Barrett, printers. They were fined 100*l.* apiece and sentenced to the pillory with papers, and bound not to offend again before [*sic*] they come out of prison. The rest of the sitting was occupied with Bacon *versus* Anderson and others, in which the defendants were charged with having illused and terrified the witnesses who came to give evidence for the plaintiff on the execution of a commission. William Moultas, one of the defendants, was charged with having administered poison to Anne Mercer, one of the witnesses, in a cup of Alicant. She lost her hair and her skin. [=1½ p.]

Nov. 22.

St. John's
[Clerkenwell].

18. William Earl of Exeter to Sir William Becher. Samuel Johnson, of Braunston, co. Northampton, a defaulter at the last musters, has submitted himself and promised conformity. Desires his discharge from further attendance. [½ p.]

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19. The same to the same. Similar letter with respect to Robert Gray, of Weston and Weedon, co. Northampton. [½ p.]

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20. Statement by Mr. Sergeant Henden of the nature of a cause of Vaughan *versus* Vaughan, in which he had moved in the King's Bench for a prohibition to the Council of the Marches to stay proceedings, the cause being a bill for a legacy against an executor who proved a will in the Prerogative Court. Mr. Sergeant states that the usage has ever been that if a will be proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury a legacy in that will cannot be sued for in any other court than the Prerogative Court. [*Copy.* 2½ p.]

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Entry on the Admiralty Register of the discharge from further attendance of Robert Rigge, he having appeared according to his bond, and released his Majesty's purveyor and the Widow West, touching a bill exhibited against them in the Court of Requests. [*See Vol. cccliii., fol. 66 b.* ½ p.]

Nov. 23.

Petition of Sir John Heydon, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, to the King. Your Majesty upon an annexed petition ordered the Chancellor of the Duchy to proceed with as much equality towards petitioner as towards any others of the patentees in the drained lands of the North and West Fens, co. Lincoln. The other patentees have procured warrants for passing their divisions upon surrender before any proceedings to petitioner's behoof, contrary to your intention and direction. Prays order to the Attorney-General to forbear

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proceedings upon the said warrants until further order. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 198. 1 p.] Underwritten,

- I. Reference to Lord Newburgh, Chancellor of the Duchy, and Sec. Windebank, who, taking to their assistance Mr. Justice Berkeley, are to compose the differences between the parties to this business if they can, or otherwise to certify. Whitehall, 23rd November 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 199. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 23.

Petition of John Weston and George Weston, and others of the tenants of the manor of Reigate, to the King. Upon a quo warranto brought by the Attorney-General against William Lord Monson, Viscount Castlemaine, Margaret Countess of Nottingham, and others for usurping free warren in the said manor, a verdict was obtained against the defendants upon error in pleading, by reason whereof the Countess and Sir Charles Howard her son petitioned for a new trial, which was referred to the Lord Keeper and Lord Privy Seal, who ordered that such new trial should take place. Notwithstanding, the Countess and her son re-petitioned your Majesty for a surcease of the new quo warranto, which being referred to the Attorney-General, he advised that Lord Monson should bring his action of trespass quare warrenam intravit, which he brought accordingly, and was non-suited therein; notwithstanding which, Lord Monson prosecutes other actions for maintaining his pretended free warren, to the great prejudice of petitioners. Petitioners pray that the former reference may stand, and that the Attorney-General may proceed with the new quo warranto, against Lord Monson, to the end that one fair trial may be had upon the said right of free warren. [Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 204. $1\frac{1}{4}$ p.] Underwritten,

- I. Minute that it is the pleasure of his Majesty to confirm the order of the Lord Keeper and Lord Privy Seal, and that the Attorney-General proceed with the new quo warranto against Lord Monson. Whitehall, 23rd November 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 205. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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21. Petition of the Comptroller [Sir Henry Palmer] and Surveyor [Kenrick Edisbury] of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioners not long since petitioned his Majesty for an augmentation of their salary, and received answer that if they could find out any reasonable means of augmentation not proceeding out of his Majesty's revenue, their suit should find reasonable admittance. Forasmuch as by their care in keeping due musters in the merchant ships hired this year, as also in the ships set out by the city of London, by reason of the numbers kept short, there has been saved of the estimate allowed for that service 1,374*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.* Pray a grant of that sum. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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London.

22. Isaac Pennington to Sir John Pennington. No word of Mr. Goodfellow's 300*l.* nor of Capt. Bing. Will let cousin Fitch

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have the money upon a statute. For my little cousin am persuaded you could not have placed him better. If you should see the parties, both man and wife, and their ordering the children, you would no less approve of it. I am glad you make it your chief care to have him well trained up in religion. I shall lay the greater charge on Mr. Minors. That is the true knowledge; *si Christum bene scis, satis est, si cetera nescis*. Good results of inquiry respecting a caterer. I thank you for your intended kindness. If such things come to you by way of gratification, if you please to communicate some of your superfluity to help my housekeeping this Christ-tide it will be acceptable. I am constantly in the city at Christ-tide. [1 p.]

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[Clerkenwell].

23. William Earl of Exeter to Sir William Becher. Desires that Andrew Saunders may be discharged from further attendance, who has undertaken that the service at musters shall be hereafter performed by his mother, who yet has the lands charged. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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24. Petition of the inhabitants of Foston, in the parish of Long Bennington, co. Lincoln, to Archbishop Laud. In Foston there is an ancient chapel at which the vicars of Long Bennington have used to say divine service, administer the sacraments, and bury the dead. Henry Moore, clerk, who for 11 years past has been vicar of Long Bennington, about six years since refused to do service at the said chapel, and upon complaint to the bishop it was ordered that he should allow the inhabitants of Foston 9*l.* yearly, and they procure a sufficient minister, which they did for five years, and allowed him 20*l.* a year, and the inhabitants were to have all the tithes and church dues during the life of Mr. Moore, they paying him 16*l.* per annum. Henry Moore again refuses to perform the agreement. Pray that he may either do divine service at their chapel, or perform the Bishop of Lincoln's order. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

24. I. Reference to Sir John Lambe and Dr. Farmery to give the archbishop an account. 23rd November 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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25. Petition of Anthony Thompson, D.D., and parson of West Rasen, co. Lincoln, to the same. There has been formerly in the church of West Rasen an organ, some of the woodwork and pipes in decay remaining in the chancel. Also there has been time out of mind paid at harvest to the churchwardens a portion of corn called church-corn, viz., one sheaf out of every land let at 18*l.* or 20*l.* per annum, which church-corn is now converted by the inhabitants to payment of swine-herds and neat-herds, and other secular uses. Petitioner will pay to such as will repair the organ 5*l.*, and give towards the organ and organist a tenth part of the church-corn, by giving way to the churchwardens taking one sheaf out of every land there untithed. Prays order to repair the organ (there being at Plough Monday next a whole year's rent to be paid for the corn), and that 20 marks per annum be allotted out of the church-corn to

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the organist, and the remainder be a stock for repair of the organ and for singing books. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

25. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe and Dr. Farmery to give the archbishop an account, and if they have no just exception, to further the work as much as they can. 23rd November 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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26. Petition of Sir Lawrence Washington, Registrar of the Court of Chancery, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner, in Midsummer vacation last, prayed the archbishop for hearing the business referred to him and others, as by the petition annexed, which, by reason of the sickness, the archbishop's other occasions, and the progress, had been put off. Prays him now to appoint a day. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

26. I. *Appointment by the archbishop (if the other referees concur) for the first Star Chamber day next term. 23rd November 1637. [Signed by the archbishop, and afterwards by the Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer, and Lord Cottington, the other referees. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.] Annexed,*

26. II. i. *Petition of Sir Lawrence Washington to the King. States the history of his office of Registrar of the Court of Chancery, of which he had a grant from the Crown for his own life and that of another, and that the reversion had been granted to one Mr. Dalton. The office was founded by Henry VIII. Before that time the business was discharged by the six clerks, who, being attorneys retained in causes in the court, were not indifferent parties to set down orders. No fees were ever settled. The six clerks in the 40th Elizabeth presented the fees whilst the employment was in them, but greater fees had been taken for 28 years by the patentees. On the present commission upon exacted fees, petitioner has looked into the same, but can find no other settlement than the usage of 66 years. Prays a reference to settle the fees, and also to compound with petitioner for a grant in reversion after Mr. Dalton. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] Underwritten,*

26. II. ii. *Reference to the archbishop, the Lords Keeper and Treasurer, and Lord Cottington, as prayed. Whitehall, 14th April 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

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27. Petition of Michael Sparkes to the same. The Atlas Minor being of late years translated, and, after obliteration of some offensive passages, licensed, petitioner, with expense of 700*l.*, caused the same to be printed here; since which time the Atlas Major, being in effect the same with Atlas Minor, but printed beyond seas, and without expunction of the said passages, was imported and vented here, whereupon your Grace and the other Lords Commissioners granted petitioner a warrant [stated to be annexed] for

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seizure of the same; but inasmuch as distaste has been given in the execution thereof, and your pleasure intimated for retracting thereof, petitioner resigns the same into your hands, desiring that, in case of allowance of the same to be vented, the importers may be tied to exchange some of them with petitioner for his, otherwise it will turn to his utter undoing. Whereas also he stands questioned by means of John Waterson, stationer, on pretence of bringing over 12 books of Owen's Epigrams, printed beyond seas, and dealing in prohibited books, which he has upon oath denied, and no promoter appearing or proof offered, he prays order for dismissal. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

27. 1. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to make such end between the parties as shall be just. 23rd November 1637.*

Nov. 23. 28. Note by Sir John Lambe of the censure of Sir John Bale and — White [in the High Commission Court] in a case of simoniacal dealing with an ecclesiastical living. [1 p.]

Nov. 24. The King to Edward Bullen, clerk. Presentation to the vicarage of Sutterton, in the diocese of Lincoln, void by death of the last incumbent. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 24. Warrant to pay to James Marquess of Hamilton, Master of the Horse, 10,000*l.* in consideration of his service. By warrant under the sign manual, procured by the Marquess. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 24. Grant to George Manby and Thomas Liddell of the privilege of using certain mills for grinding grain for 14 years at the rent of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, these mills being first invented by them. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 24. 29. Sec. Windebank to Sir John Pennington. His Majesty has commanded me to signify his pleasure to you that you order one of his ships of the middle rank, or of the next to your own, to repair to the Groyne and receive aboard the Duchess of Chevreuse with her train, and to bring them into England. You are to make choice of such captain as best understands the French tongue, if there be any that understand it, and to command him to be extreme secret in this business, as his Majesty also charges yourself to be, and to communicate it to none but the captain that goes on the employment. This bearer is to go along in the ship, and by his direction the captain will more particularly understand how he is to govern himself. [*In the handwriting of Sec. Windebank and endorsed by Sir John Pennington. 1 p.*]

Nov. 24. 30. Draft of the same, also in the handwriting of Sec. Windebank. [1 p.]

Nov. 24. 31. Order of Council. Several warrants being prepared by his Majesty's command to the sheriffs of London and Middlesex for pulling down a great number of houses built last year, or the year before, contrary to proclamation, it is ordered that the Earl Marshal and the Earl of Dorset, calling to them the commissioners who have signed the certificates of the said buildings, shall examine

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such certificates and set down which of the buildings are fit to be presently demolished, and which may be respited. [*Council seal attached.* 1 p.]

- Nov. 24. 32. Notes by Windebank, taken on the hearing of the cause of Nicholas Bacon *versus* Sir Henry Anderson and others, in the Star Chamber, the hearing of which was concluded this day. The evidence here noted was principally for the defendant. Other persons besides Anne Mercer drank of the Alicant, which was not ordered for her, and she was hurt in the neck with a brazen ladle before she drank of it. The Court was divided as to the sentence. Lords Cottington, Lord Chief Justice Bramston, Sec. Windebank, Sir Henry Vane, Lord Newburgh, the Earl of Dorset, and the Lord Treasurer were for acquitting the defendants, and most of them for fining the plaintiff 40*l.* *pro falso clamore*. Lord Chief Justice Finch, the Lord Privy Seal, and Archbishop Laud were for fining Sir Henry Anderson 100*l.* The sentence of the Lord Keeper is blank. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
- Nov. 24. 33. Similar notes, but very incomplete, in the case of Phillips against Sir Gilbert Gerard and others. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]
- Nov. 24. 34. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 20*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* paid by Henry Capps on behalf of Sir John Wentworth, late sheriff of Norfolk, ship-money collected under writ of 4th August 1635. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Nov. 24. 35. Lord Treasurer Juxon and Francis Lord Cottington to Thomas Webb, messenger. To bring before them William Grey, Robert Jacob, and James Grismond to answer things on his Majesty's behalf to be objected against them. [*Copy.* = $\frac{2}{3}$ p.]
- Nov. 24. 36. Officers of Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. Having found, by the muster-books of the four merchant ships employed with the fleet this year, that divers men were wanting of their complement, we made stoppages amounting to 529*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, and 845*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* was saved to the city, or the contractors for those ships. [1 p.]
- Nov. 24. 37. Petition of William Williams, clerk, to Archbishop Laud. James Brookes, clerk, about four years since, demised the vicarage of Fen-Stanton-cum-Hilton to petitioner for three years, at 46*l.* per annum, the same being valued at 80*l.* per annum, and petitioner to supply the cure of the said parochials. But Brookes, being then the Bishop of Lincoln's domestic chaplain, and non-resident at Fen-Stanton, hath of late, since the bishop's stay in London, taken the tithes into his own hand, and put petitioner to 10*l.* per annum stipend, wherewith he is not able to subsist, Brookes being still non-resident, and supplying another cure at Buckden, which he leases and hires at yearly rent of another clerk. Prays for direction for his relief and supportance. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.] *Underwritten,*
37. I. Reference to Sir John Lambe and Dr. Farmery to give the archbishop an account that further course may be taken. 24th November 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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38. Petition of Thomas Wicker and Bridget, his wife, of Worth, Sussex, to Archbishop Laud. Nicholas Whiston, parson of Worth, being a malicious man, presented petitioner's wife without the consent of the churchwardens, about two years past. State various proceedings in the court at Lewes, from which it appears that, after having been once dismissed by that court, petitioner's wife was finally excommunicated, and refused to be absolved without the handwriting of Mr. Whiston. Petitioners appealed to the Arches, but they would not receive the appeal without payment of fees, which petitioners have not so much money to disburse. Pray that their appeal may be received, and that they may be admitted to prosecute it *in formâ pauperis*. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten*,

38. I. "*I desire Sir John Lambe to examine the suggestions of this petition, and take such further order herein as he shall find to be just, that I hear no more of it. November 24, 1637. W. CANT.*" [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 24.
Kingston-upon-
Thames.

39. Bailiffs of Kingston-upon-Thames to Sec. Windebank. You wrote to us on behalf of George Perrott to be a freeman of this town, there to use baking. There are now dwelling here and using that trade the widow of a freeman, and a freeman, and hardly able to maintain themselves. Upon the market day there is such resort of bakers from the country round, uttering such great quantities of bread as serves to supply the town for the most part of the week following. If any more were made free of the town it would impoverish the two that live here. Having proposed your request to the corporation, we found them altogether unwilling to consent. [1 p.]

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40. Agreement between Walter Smith, of Horsham, Sussex, and William Davenport, of London, barber-surgeon, for a partnership to provide irons and dispersers of all sorts fit for making kilns for drying hops and other things without the annoyance of smoke, lately invented by Sir Nicholas Halse; the stock of the partnership to be 200*l.*, the term 13 years, and the profits to be equally divided. [*Endorsed is a memorandum dated 30th May 1638, and signed by Walter Smith, that there had been disbursed 100*l.* more for irons than is expressed above. = 2 pp.*]

Nov. 24.
Suffolk House.

41. Marmaduke Moore to [— Sydenham?]. I pray inform Sir William Becher that John Pigott and Thomas Pritchett have made submission for their default at the last muster, co. Cambridge. Please to get their discharge. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 24.
Suffolk House.

42. The same to [the same?]. Similar letter on behalf of Mr. Duckett. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Nov. 25.
Westminster.

The King to Edward Savage and Edmund Windham, gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, Francis Coningsby, Surveyor of the Ordnance, William Payne, Thomas Bavand, Thomas Warre, William Pyne, and Henry Greenwood. Commission to receive fines and rents by way

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of compositions from brewers and others, sellers of beer, for being allowed a moderate use of wine casks. [*Seal gone. See Case D. Charles I., No. 17. Skin of parchment.*]

Nov. 25. Letters patent which recite the commission calendared above, and
Westminster. contain a grant to Edward Savage and Edmund Windham of all the fines and rents to be received under the said commission, for the term of 21 years, they paying into the Exchequer from Lady Day next the yearly rent of 2,000*l.* [*Seal gone. See Case D., as above, No. 18. Skin of parchment.*]

Nov. 25. 43. The King to Attorney-General Bankes. To prepare a grant
Westminster. of pardon for Roger Fulwood and Richard Bowen for their lives and estates, they having been condemned and sentenced upon the statute of 3rd Henry VII. for forcibly taking away of Sarah Cox, and the said Fulwood for marrying her. [*Unsigned. = $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

Nov. 25. 44. W. Staple, Thomas Hayne, and Robert Brooke to the Council.
Merchant We, the schoolmasters mentioned in your letter, have considered the
Tailors' School. grammar sent to us, concerning which our opinion is that it has been very well laboured by the author, and for its solidness and brevity deserves a great deal of commendation; but being lovers of anything which has the countenance of antiquity, we should like it better if it departed not unnecessarily from the words of the grammar we have been accustomed to. We wish it had been rather a correction than a composition. There are also many lapses and defects both in matter and method. [*1 p.*]

Nov. 25. 45. Notes by Nicholas of orders [of the Council]. Mr. Meautys is to prepare against Tuesday next a list of all the trained bands in England and Wales, expressing the numbers of horse and foot, and how many pikes, how many musketeers. Sir William Becher is to warn the Committee of Trade to meet on Tuesday next, and the Earl of Newport and the Lieutenant and the rest of the Officers of Ordnance are then to attend. [*= $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

Nov. 25. 46. Account rendered by Sir William Russell of arrears still outstanding on account of ship-money to be levied under writs issued in August 1635. Total, 8,608*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*, or, as rectified by making certain deductions by Nicholas, 5,808*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.* [*1 p.*]

Nov. 25. 47. Similar account of sums received and outstanding on account of writs issued in August 1636. Total received, 180,021*l.* 12*s.* 1*½d.*; outstanding, 16,592*l.* 15*s.* 6*½d.* [*1 p.*]

Nov. 25. 48. Account of sums levied and remaining in the hands of the sheriffs. Total, 3,461*l.*, which, added to the sum received by Sir William Russell, makes the total collected 183,482*l.*, and the sum outstanding 12,918*l.* [*1 p.*]

Nov. 25. 49. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 474*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* ship-money paid by Richard Wotton on behalf of Roger Vaughan, late sheriff of co. Hereford, in part of 3,500*l.* to be levied under writ of 12th August 1636. [*$\frac{3}{4}$ p.*]

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Nov. 25. 50. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 30*l.* paid by James Jeffreys on behalf of John Wrentmore, late mayor of Axbridge, in part of 8,000*l.* charged upon Somerset by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]
- Nov. 25. 51. Affidavit of Thomas Combe, servant to George Mynne, that about the beginning of this Michaelmas term his master having received a copy of a petition annexed and a ticket to attend George Clarke, merchant, and others, deponent attended Mr. Clarke, who considered that he had already certified, and would abide by what he had done, and would meet no more about that business. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]
Annexed,
51. I. *Petition of Benedict Webbe to the Lord Privy Seal and Sec. Windebank. Petitioner having had a reference to Alderman Fenn and the rest, who have done nothing to any purpose, prays a reference to Alderman Abdy, Deputy George Lowe, Capt. Nicholas Crispe, and George Clarke, merchant, to call petitioner and George Mynne before them, and that Mr. Mynne may bring his books of account, [Copy. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.] Underwritten,*
51. I. i. *Alderman Fenn being this next year to be Lord Mayor, we think it not fit to trouble him, but rather pray you whose names are above written to call the parties before you as above mentioned. [Copy. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*
51. II. *Richard Fenn and Henry Andrews, aldermen, and George Lowe and George Clarke, merchants, to Henry Earl of Manchester and Sec. Windebank. Certificate that having, by order of the persons addressed, of the 24th March 1635–6, been appointed further to consider the complaints of Benedict Webbe against George Mynne, which were formerly referred to them by his Majesty on 22nd May 1635, they state the result of an investigation of the account books of Mynne. There appears to be due from Mynne to Webbe 679*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*, which amount they conceive to be due from Webbe to Mynne for interest of moneys lent. [Copy. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]*
- Nov. 25.
Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. On consideration of the sufferings of Rice Thomas, gunner of the Tenth Whelp, for his fault in embezzling part of his gunner's stores, and upon his bond to be hereafter honest and diligent, we, with the advice of the Officers of the Ordnance and Sir Henry Marten, have thought fit to restore him to the said place, and that he shall be paid his wages to the time he was suspended. You are to give order accordingly. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 68 b. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]
- Nov. 25.
Whitehall. The same to the same. We pray you to certify to us what difference there is between the remains of stores that have been delivered in out of the ships employed in the Narrow Seas and those employed to Sallee, according to the times of their being abroad, to the end we may encourage those who have been good husbands for the King,

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and take order for reforming the abuses of those who have been faulty. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 68 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

Nov. 25.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Earl of Newport. Letter to cause similar certificate to be made in relation to gunners' stores. [*Copy. See Ibid., fol. 69. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

Nov. 25.
Whitehall.

The same to Officers of the Navy. By petition enclosed you will perceive that there is unpaid to Capt. Thomas Kettleby his pay of 13s. 4d. *per diem* for the time he served Admiral on the coast of Ireland, besides some other usual allowances. You are to take order that he be forthwith paid out of such moneys as are sent over to Ireland. [*Copy. See Ibid. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.*]

Nov. 25
Whitehall.

The same to Montjoy Earl of Newport. To allow William Courteen and David Gilbert, owners, and Andrew Doves, master, of the Mary Rose, of 350 tons, to supply that ship with 30 cast-iron ordnance. [*Copy. See Ibid. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

Nov. 25.

Entry on the Admiralty Register of the account of Sir John Drake, collector of his Majesty's tenths, of all goods taken and brought into Bristol from 23rd August 1628 until the 28th February following, and into Minehead, Lyme Regis, and Weymouth from the said 23rd August until the end of the wars, with the discharge of the said accountant given by the Lords of the Admiralty. [*See Ibid., fol. 70. $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.*]

Nov. 25.

Similar entry of the account of Thomas Wyan, Deputy Registrar of the Court of Admiralty, of moneys brought into the registry of that court for the use of his Majesty since the death of the late Lord Admiral, that is, from the 23rd August 1628 to the 20th April 1637, with the discharge of the accountant, similar to that in the preceding article. [*See Ibid., fol. 70 b. 1 p.*]

Nov. 25.

Nicholas to Richard Poole. I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners for Saltpetre and Gunpowder to desire you to put into the deputation for saltpetre for cos. Cambridge, Huntingdon, Rutland, and Lincoln, as well Leonard Pinckney as David Stevenson. [*Copy. See Domestic James I., Vol. ccxix., p. 163. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.*]

Nov. 25.
Whitehall.

Declaration of Commissioners for Saltpetre and Gunpowder. Recites account of Richard Poole of the saltpetre delivered to his Majesty's gunpowder-maker, Samuel Cordewell, for the year ending the last of October 1637 (*see Vol. ccclxxi., No. 116*); and certificate of the Officers of Ordnance that the said Cordewell had brought in his full year's proportion of gunpowder according to his contract (*see Ibid., No. 117*), and that it appears that there remains in his hands only 3 lasts 15 cwt. and 7 lbs. of saltpetre in part of his next year's proportion. The Commissioners, at his request, declare that they are well satisfied with his performance of his contract. [*Copy. See Vol. ccxcii., p. 71. $\frac{2}{3}$ p.*]

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- Nov. 25. 52. Petition of Richard Lane to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner preferred articles in the High Commission Court against Richard Buckley, clerk, and to his great charge sped a commission for proof. Buckley, to avoid a sentence, without the privity of petitioner's counsel or proctor, has procured a reference for determination to the Bishop of Hereford. Inasmuch as the crimes charged are of a very high nature, a great scandal to the ministerial function and offence to the people, it is prayed that the cause may be re-assumed to the public hearing and justice of the High Commission Court. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]
Underwritten,
52. 1. *Reference to Sir John Lambe. "If the dismissal be indirectly procured, I shall not only revoke the cause, but punish those by whose means it was so procured. 25th November 1637. W. CANT."* [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]
- Nov. 25. 53. Certificate of Richard Llewellyn and John Wightwick, bailiffs of Shrewsbury, with 25 others, being aldermen who have been bailiffs, in favour of Edward Clarke to be a common brewer within that town. There being an opposition to him, they set forth the grounds of their opinion in his favour. [1 p.]
- Nov. 25. 54. Christopher Windebank to Lady Windebank, his mother.
Dec. 5. Thanks for her motherly pity in so great a labyrinth of troubles.
Madrid. Is resolved to obey his father's commands, yet fears he is offending against God and honour in parting from a woman (whom he knows to be virtuous), being married to her. [*"Brought by Mr. Fanshawe."* 1½ p.]
- Nov. 25. 55. The same to Sec. Windebank. Upon the same subject and in
Dec. 5. the same tone of submission as the preceding. Intends to set out
Madrid. for Florence. [*Spanish. 2 pp.*]
- Nov. 26. 56. Sir John Pennington to the same. I will carefully per-
The Downs. form the order to send a ship for the Duchess of Chevreuse, and with as much secrecy as if I knew nothing of it. I shall get the Bonaventure ready with as much expedition as I can, Capt. Henry Stradling being her captain. He is a stout able gentleman, but speaks little French. I doubt not he will perform the service both carefully and honourably. I received a verbal command by this bearer that Lord Holland desired to have Sir Henry Mainwaring sent on this employment in the Unicorn, which I shall be glad of, if you give order for his revictualling and have patience till it can be got aboard. I desire your sudden resolution herein, and shall go on making ready the Bonaventure in the meantime. The French King has made stay of all our English shipping now there, for something that young Wheatstone has done against them in the Straits. A very great ship was cast away upon Thursday night last on the Ness, supposed to be a Hollander. All the people were drowned. [*Seal with arms. 2 pp.*]
- Nov. 26. 57. Archbishop Laud, Lord Keeper Coventry, Lord Treasurer
Whitehall. Juxon, and Sec. Coke to Sir William Becher and Edward Nicholas,

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clerks of the Council. You are to repair to the dwelling of Dr. Everitt at Fulham, and to seize all his papers and bring away such of them as may concern the State, according to such instructions as you have received; and all mayors, sheriffs, and other his Majesty's officers and subjects whom it may concern are to be aiding unto you. [= $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 26.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. You are to press ten or twelve merchant ships of the like burthen and force as those that were employed last year, and to certify to us their names, burthens, and number of ordnance, that we may presently contract with the owners of them. [Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 69 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Nov. 26.
Whitehall.

The same to the same. To take order for timely repairing the Leopard, the Mary Rose, the Roebuck, and the First Whelp, so as they may be ready to be set forth to sea at the beginning of next spring. The charge to be borne on an estimate for the great fleet to be set forth next year. [Copy. See Ibid., fol. 69 b. $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Nov. 26.
Clatford
Normans.

58. Henry Reade to his cousin, Robert Reade. Proposes to him various projects, which the writer esteems to be of great value, and especially one enclosed, which, if he does not like himself, he may propose to some honest courtier if there be any such. [1 p.]
Enclosed,

58. 1. *Proposed project for the institution of an office for the regulation of brick and tile makers, to prevent their digging earth at unreasonable times and their false making of their commodities.* [1 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 27.
The Swiftsure,
in the Downs.

59. Sir John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. The 22nd I sent in the Expedition, and I purpose to send away the Unicorn the 1st of next month, if I have no order to the contrary in the meantime. The 25th I was commanded, under the seal of the Court of Admiralty, to release the Talbot, of London, which I performed. We had very ill weather last week, wherein a great ship was cast away upon the Ness. I cannot learn what she was, but it is supposed that she was a Hollander. Report of the stay of English ships in France, with the addition to what was previously stated (No. 56) that what young Wheatstone had done was in revenge of his father's death and loss. Those that come out of Spain report that the King of that country is raising a great army to send into Portugal to appease the late broils. [1 p.]

Nov. 27.

60. Account of the charge of the fleet intended for 1638, paralleled with that employed in 1637. The cost for repairs, victuals, and wages of the 23 ships and pinnaces, whose names had been already returned, would be 94,872*l.*; those of seven merchant ships, 22,479*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* The men in the fleet for 1637 were 3,555; those for 1638 would be 3,540. [= 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 27.

61. Petition of John Rhodes, clerk, curate of St. Clement Danes, to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner having privately admonished

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John Powell, one of his parishioners, of the notorious fame of drunkenness and incontinency with one Mrs. Gammon and others, he still persisting, petitioner presented him to the ordinary. Powell thereupon procured a warrant from the Earl Marshal, on which petitioner was apprehended, and obliged to give bond of 100*l.* to answer in the Court of Honour; and therewith not content, Powell, being the King's servant, convented petitioner before the Lord Chamberlain, the Earl Marshal, and the Earl of Dorset, for presenting him, who referred it to the law. Powell further threatens to question petitioner in the Star Chamber. Petitioner prays protection in a cause that so nearly concerns the Church, and that it may be proved in the High Commission Court whether the presentment be just or not. [1 p.] *Underwritten,*

61. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to be very careful of petitioner and his cause. 27th November 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

Nov. 27. 62. Sir Thomas Walsingham to Sir William Becher. Henry
Covent Garden. Lambe has submitted to find such arms as shall hereafter be imposed upon him, and entreats his discharge. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 27. 63. Sir William Barne to the same. The bearer, Richard Weale
Woolwich. [or Veale], of Woolwich, shipwright, being required to find a musket under my command, pretends an exemption by charter. Please to consider the point, and if you find it a lawful discharge, that he may be freed accordingly; if not, he is contented to serve. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

63. I. *Sir Thomas Walsingham to the same. Desires that if Veale will not stand on his charter he may be discharged. London, 28th November 1637. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]*

Nov. 27. 64. Marmaduke Moore to the same. Mr. Parris, of Linton, co. Cambridge, has given good caution for his future conformity at musters. I desire his discharge. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 27. 65. William Calley to Richard Harvey. Wishes to know where
Burderop. Mr. Gunstone dwells. Hears nothing of his musk, nor sealing paste. The writer's father has been extremely distempered this week. The speech is that the Emperor is likely to make a full peace with the Swedes. Young Oxenstiern is going or gone to Vienna. John de Wert has much advantaged the Emperor's affairs upon the Rhine and has driven Saxon Weimar back into France. It is noised abroad that Sir Toby Mathew is questioned for converting Lady Newport. Also, in what a magnificent manner the Queen celebrated the exequies of the late Duke of Savoy in her chapel at Somerset House. The chief thing I desire is to hear the certainty concerning Sir Toby. [*In the endorsement it is intimated that on the 5th December 1637 there were sent to the writer "20 grains of musk, 10 leaves of wafer in a pasteboard, and a bag of pistachios." Seal with arms. 1 p.]*

Nov. 27. 66. Sir William Calley to the same. Perceives Harvey could do
Burderop. him no good in the recovery of the Titchbornes' or Michell's debts.

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Begs him to receive 8*l.* of Felix Long and pay it to Lady Cambell for interest due the 17th inst., and inquire of her how it shall be paid hereafter, for he cannot conceive how it can be done, but they of the house will take notice of it. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 28.

67. Names of the Commissioners, 71 in number, in a commission to accept compositions upon grants of concealed lands in cos. Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Essex, and Hertford, within 20 miles of London, with a brief abstract of the commission. [2 pp.]

Nov. 28.

Petition of John Palgreene, Alexander Buller, Edward Barker, Robert Morse, Roger Dade, Humphrey Sayer, William Cage, William Okes, John Roe, Henry Digby, John Goodwin, Thomas Johnson, Michael Paine, Orton Brooker, Edward Brooker, and William Palgreene, in behalf of themselves and others, 24 in all, to the King. Great deceits are practised in making woollen yarn for cloth by mixing fleece-wool, fell-wool, and lamb's-wool, whereby no useful yarn can be made, they being of a contrary nature; which and other deceitful ways cannot be well discerned when the same is made into cloth, but may easily be discerned in the yarn. A reformation being desired throughout the kingdom, petitioners pray a grant for 21 years to search and seal all manner of yarn before the same be sold or wrought into cloth, with separate seals to indicate the several qualities thereof, with the fee of the eighth part of a penny per pound, one fourth to come to the King, and the rest to petitioners with one third part of all forfeited yarns. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 199. 2 pp.*] *Underwritten,*

1. *Reference to Attorney-General Bankes to certify. Whitehall, 28th November 1637. [Copy. Ibid., p. 201. $\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

[Nov. 28.]

68. Sec. Windebank to the officers of the new corporation for the regulation of aliens dwelling within three miles of the city of London. His Majesty conceiving it will conduce very much to the quiet government of the new corporation to have a provost-marshal for suppressing disorders and punishment of unruly persons, has commanded me to recommend to you Capt. Thomas Bardsey to be admitted to that place. For his salary and entertainment his Majesty doubts not but you will make them such as shall be agreeable to his quality and may enable him to do his Majesty benefit and the corporation the required service. [*Draft. 1 p.*]

Nov. 28.

Bishop
Auckland.

69. Bishop Moreton, of Durham, to the Council. I received your letters of 17th August not until the 18th October, so that we have had scarce any season for training, but some few of the bands have been exercised. There is now in our magazine one whole ton of powder, and shot shall be provided. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 28.

70. Commissioners for regulating the manufacture of gold and silver thread to the same. Recite order of the King in Council, of the 10th September last, for alterations to be made in the indenture between his Majesty and the refiners, calendared under that date, No. 62. The refiners having submitted to the said alterations, and

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their former indenture being to be surrendered, they are suitors that upon entering into new covenants they may be discharged of the old, and desire a certificate of the Commissioners as to their submission, which they give accordingly. [1 p.]

Nov. 28.
Westminster.

71. Sec. Windebank to the Keeper of the Gatehouse in Westminster. To repair to the house of — Spencer, a victualler in Westminster, and there to take into custody John Goodman and John Southworth and detain them till further order. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 28.
Westminster.

72. Writ out of the Exchequer commanding Magdalen Johnson, widow, to perform all things contained in a decree made on the 23rd April 1629, and in an order made the 25th November instant, under a penalty of 100*l*. [10 lines on parchment.]

Nov. 28.

73. Petition of Roger Reeve to Archbishop Laud. Petitioner having three causes against Mr. Richardson, vicar of Garthorp, co. Leicester, two whereof are ready for hearing, and in the third petitioner obtained last term a commission for examination of witnesses. By various accidents, which are here enumerated, the time limited in the commission was allowed to expire, and the cause being suddenly drawn to a hearing, petitioner was condemned in charges. Prays the archbishop to suspend the order for payment, and either to renew the commission or permit petitioner to put in new articles. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.] *Underwritten,*

73. I. *Reference to Sir John Lambe to take order herein as he shall find just and fitting. 28th November 1637. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]*

Nov. 28.
Covent Garden.

74. Sir Thomas Walsingham to Sir William Becher. Richard Edge is returned defaulter in Captain Lee's company in Rochester. Upon examination I find that he is but a servant or tapster to Mr. Philpot at the Crown, and no householder. He promising conformity hereafter, if thought fit, I pray let him be discharged. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 29.

75. Petition of his Majesty's poor subjects, the button-makers, to the King. Your petitioners are very many families living in and about London and Westminster, and abundance elsewhere, who in former times lived in plenty, and have been able to serve your Majesty in several places in the commonwealth. But aliens are crept into your kingdom, besides many young people who live loosely and lewdly, and use petitioners' profession, making false and counterfeit buttons, by means whereof petitioners are brought to beggary. For remedy thereof pray an incorporation, with all those lawful powers grantable to artists of the like condition, and petitioners will pay into the Exchequer the rates and prices contained in an intended grant of the same to Sir David Cunningham and Alexander Dunsire. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.] *Annexed,*

75. I. *List of the names (67) of the above petitioners; amongst them Abraham Cromwell. [= 2 pp.]*

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Petition of Thomas Jay to the King. Upon reference to the Marquis of Hamilton to take information of petitioner's service in preparing and prosecuting the proposition to have the trade of retailing tobacco driven by such only as should be licensed, whereby your Majesty's revenue has been increased 12,000*l.* per annum, it appeared by a letter written by the late Lord Treasurer that petitioner deserved a good recompence. On perusal of that letter your Majesty directed petitioner (by Sec. Windebank) to find out some acceptable suit. Petitioner prays that he and his deputies may be your sworn officers for weighing at the waterside all merchants' goods that are to pay custom by weight, petitioner keeping beams, weights, and servants to do the same, and that they may take certain wages and rates for the same, as expressed in a schedule stated to be annexed. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 201. [1½ p.] Underwritten,*

I. Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington to certify their opinions. [Copy. See Ibid., p. 203. ½ p.]

Nov. 29.

The Star Chamber.

76. Order of the Court of Star Chamber on petitions of Thomas Winter, Edward Ashfield, and William Barrett, printers. They are to give security for their good behaviour in future and for their appearance in the Court of Star Chamber the first day of next term, and that they will not offend again in the like kind, whereupon the Lords will sign a warrant for their discharge. [*½ p.] Underwritten,*

76. *I. Certificate of Matthew Goad that the petitioners had entered into recognizances each with a surety in 100*l.* as above directed. 4th December 1637. [¼ p.]*

Nov. 29.

The Star Chamber.

77. Order of Council on reading two petitions to his Majesty, one by the Bishop of Worcester, which was referred to this Board, and the other by John Stewart, brother of Francis Stewart, son to the late Earl of Bothwell, betwixt whom and the bishop the suit is. It being alleged by John Stewart that his brother Francis is now upon some special occasions in Scotland, and there is nobody sufficiently instructed to appear for him, the business was respited until the first day of next term, and the Attorney-General is to give directions to stay proceedings against the bishop's tenants until further order. [*Seal of the Council attached. 1¼ p.]*

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The Star Chamber.

78. The like on a petition presented in the name of divers merchants of London and others, owners of shipping trading to the Straits, complaining that the town of Yarmouth has procured licence yearly for transportation of 600 or 1,000 lasts of herrings in strangers' bottoms, and labours to procure the said licence for the time to come, which tends to the decay of trade and shipping, to his Majesty's prejudice in his customs, and to the great damage of petitioners, who this year had provided betwixt 1,500 and 2,000 tons of shipping to carry away that commodity, and had been forced to send away their ships with part dead freight. Petitioners offered further for seven years to come to take away such herrings at such rates as had been paid for seven years past. The Lords ordered that peti-

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tioners, them of Yarmouth, and the Trinity House should meet and agree to some accommodation of the business, and repair to the Board on the 13th December, and show how far they have proceeded, that the Lords may settle such order as shall be fit for his Majesty's service. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 29. 79. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 4,300*l.* ship-money paid by Sir Henry Skipwith, late sheriff of co. Leicester, in full of 4,500*l.* assessed on that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 29. 80. Similar receipt for 2,400*l.* paid by Richard Pott for Sir Nevill Poole, late sheriff of Wilts, in part of 7,000*l.* under writ of the 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 29. 81. Similar receipt for 260*l.* paid by John Nutt on behalf of William Edwardes, late mayor of Chester, in full of 3,000*l.* charged upon co. Chester by writ of 12th August 1636. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 29. 82. Sir John Pennington to Sec. Windebank. The Bonaventure
The Downs. is fitted for the employment to the Groyne, and stays only for the gentleman that is to go along with him, whose fault it will be if the business be divulged, for before he came aboard to me with your letter, he had acquainted Sir Henry Mainwaring, whom he met ashore, with the contents of it and the employment, which I did not take well from him. I desire you to acquaint his Majesty therewith, whereby I may not suffer in his good opinion. I protest I have acquainted no man living with it, but the captain of the Bonaventure whom I designed for the service, and with caution to him to impart it to no man. [*Seal with arms.* 1 p.]

Nov. 29. 83. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. We have required his Majesty's master shipwrights' opinion concerning the hulls of the Prince and the Merhonour. They estimate the charge of opening both ships in dry dock to make a perfect survey of their defects at 1,000*l.* at the least, which must be done before they can give a particular charge of the new building or repair. They guess the Prince will require $\frac{3}{4}$ and the Merhonour $\frac{2}{3}$ of the expense of building two such ships new. We collect that the Prince will require in all kinds of timber 1,866 loads, and the Merhonour 1,200 loads. Where to have such principal stuff we cannot as yet conceive. Capt. Pett is of opinion that they will not require so great a quantity. [1 p.]

Nov. 29. 84. The same to the same. Having received your order to press ten or twelve ships as near as we could to the burthen of those employed the last year, we have made stay of the undermentioned. There are appended the names of thirteen merchant ships, with their tonnage, ordnance, numbers of men, and masters' names. The tonnage ranges from 220 to 600 tons, their ordnance from 20 to 32 guns, their men from 88 to 240. [1 p.]

Nov. 29. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. Upon informa-
Whitehall. tion from you that all losses and wastes concerning victuals put

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aboard his Majesty's ships have heretofore used to be borne between the victualler and the purser, unless in case of fire, wreck, or enemy, and that the 6th article in the present victualler's contract varies in that particular from the contract made with Sir Allen Apsley, and being altered without your privity you know not how to expound the same. We pray you to confer with the present victualler, and certify us what has been the practice, and what allowances have been made in that kind by you or your predecessors. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 71. ½ p.*]

Nov. 29.
Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Montjoy Earl of Newport. To give order that a survey be made of gunners' stores aboard the Lion's Tenth Whelp, and that the same be delivered over by indenture to Rice Thomas. [*Copy. See Ibid., p. 716. ½ p.*]

Nov. 29.

85. Petition of Dr. Richard Holdsworth, Archdeacon of Huntingdon, in behalf of the churchwardens of Aldenham, co. Hertford, in the jurisdiction of Huntingdon, to Archbishop Laud. On a petition to his Majesty by the churchwardens of Aldenham, 12th March 1634-5, concerning troubles sustained about levying rates for repair of the church, his Majesty gave order to the archdeacon to take some course for the relief of the churchwardens, which he accordingly did. Since the compounding of that business, Henry Coghill, inhabitant in the said parish, who is the only man who has refused to conform to the order for payment of rates, has put in an allegation into the Arches against John Warner and Edward Rhodes, churchwardens, to their new molestation. Prays order that the churchwardens may be freed from trouble, and that Henry Coghill may pay his rate which the poor men have been deprived of these four years. [1 p.] *Endorsed,*

85. I. "*Mr. Archdeacon of Huntingdon hath taken a great deal of pains in this business, and therefore I desire Sir John Lambe to be very careful of this petition, and to see that his Majesty's reference be not eluded by the wilfulness of any man, and that the cause may receive a speedy hearing and end, according to equity and justice, in case Coghill will not submit to the archdeacon's order. November 29, 1637. W. CANT.*" [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

Nov. 29.
Covent Garden.

86. Sir Thomas Walsingham to Mr. Holdsworth [Michael Oldisworth?]. Sir John Sackville informs me that Richard Kelshot, returned defaulter for a light horse, is a very old man and not able to furnish, and that he is charged both with the horse and two foot. He will hereafter furnish what the deputy lieutenants think fitting. I pray let him be discharged. [1 p.]

Nov. 30.

Grant to James Duke of Lennox of divers fee-farm rents reserved to the Crown on sundry grants of lands in several counties, amounting to 1,497*l.* 7*s.* 4½*d.*, which with the value of like rents formerly passed to the said Duke make up the full yearly value of 3,000*l.* appointed by his Majesty to be passed to the said Duke; a tenure in

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socage is reserved to his Majesty to be holden of the manor of East Greenwich. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 30. Grant of a gunner's room in the Tower of London with the fee of 6*d.* per diem to Thomas Fanning, from the death of Henry Colt. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 30. Indenture between his Majesty and Sir Philiberto Vernatti and Capt. Thomas Whitmore, whereby they covenant to sell and deliver to his Majesty at their iron-works, for 14 years, all such iron as they shall make in England and Ireland, after their new way of making iron with sea coal, pit coal, or peat, at the rate of 12*l.* per ton, and for such iron as they shall convert into copper or wire they are to pay his Majesty 6*s.* 8*d.* per ton. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 30. Grant to the said Sir Philiberto Vernatti and Capt. Thomas Whitmore of the privilege of making iron in the new way described above. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 30. Grant of John Crockford, his Majesty's servant, during life, of a pension of 10*l.* per annum, to commence from the death of his father. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 30. 87. The King to James Marquess of Hamilton, Master of the Horse; John Lord Mohun, Baron of Oakhampton; Sir William Balfour, Lieutenant of the Tower of London; Warwick Mohun; Sir James Hamilton, gentleman of the Privy Chamber; Robert Pawlett, and Charles Fox. Commission to inquire concerning certain illegal payments or duties on goods exported or imported, imposed or taken at Bristol. [*7½ pp.*]

Nov. 30. Petition of John Bellasis and Jane, his wife, to the King. Petitioner Jane is daughter and heir of Sir Robert Butler and Dame Frances, his wife, late deceased, and by reason of the wardship of petitioner Jane, and the debts of her father and mother, petitioner's estate is in danger to be much impaired. Petitioners hope your Majesty will think it just that the same debts be paid out of that estate, which cannot be during petitioner Jane's minority, she being at this time under 21, unless your Majesty grant them your privy seal to the Lord Chief Justice and other judges of the Common Pleas to permit petitioners to levy fines and suffer recoveries of her lands, thereby to enable them to give security for the present payment of the said debts. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxviii., p. 203. ½ p.*] *Underwritten,*

I. *Direction to the Attorney-General to prepare a bill for his Majesty's signature, as requested. Whitehall, 30th November 1637. [Copy. See Ibid. ½ p.]*

Nov. 30. Petition of Francis Earl of Bedford to the same. Upon a reference by your Majesty to Mr. Attorney-General and Mr. Attorney of the Court of Wards, to consider the law of sewers presented to your Majesty by petitioner for your royal assent, it is conceived by them

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that some words therein contained may be prejudicial to your Majesty in point of tenure of the 95,000 acres of land thereby decreed to petitioner, if your Majesty's assent be given thereto. It neither was the intention of petitioner nor of the commissioners to alter or conclude the tenure of the said lands holden of your Majesty, the said words being conceived necessary merely to free the same lands from common troubles and incumbrances. Pray for the royal assent, subject to provision for reservation of the tenures formerly due to your Majesty. [*Copy. See Vol. cccxxiii., p. 205. 1 p.*] *Underwritten,*

1. *Minute of his Majesty's pleasure that Mr. Attorney-General shall take order that his Majesty be not prejudiced in the tenures of the land, and then return the law of sewers to receive his assent. Whitehall, 30th November 1637. [Copy. See Ibid., p. 206. ¼ p.]*

Nov. 30.
London.

88. Huett Leatt, Oliver Clobery, Edward Guy, James Napper, and 20 others, to the King. Being informed that it is his Majesty's pleasure to have a fit man nominated and elected, to be resident at Sallee, in Barbary, for consul to his Majesty's subjects residing and frequenting the ports of the kingdom of Fez, the undersigned have made choice of Giles Penn, a man well experienced in the language and customs of the said country, which they submit to his Majesty's judgment. [1 p.]

Nov. 30.
Westminster.

89. Sec. Windebank to Sir John Lambe, Sir Charles Caesar, Sir Nathaniel Brent, Dr. Benett, and Dr. Mason. His Majesty having lately directed his letters to you for expediting the business between Capt. Steward and Nicholas Franety, has commanded me to signify to you that he never intended by those letters to stop or alter the legal ordinary course of proceedings, but only that Franety, being a stranger, might have quick and speedy justice. His Majesty is not willing to meddle with business of this nature, but would have you know that he expects justice to be done equally in the ordinary way. [*Draft. ¾ p.*]

Nov. 30.

90. Account of what every parish and place in the hundreds of Kiftsgate, Slaughter, Whitstone, Henbury, and Brightwells Barrow, co. Gloucester, was assessed at for ship-money in the year 1636, by Sir Richard Ducie, then sheriff. [2 pp.] *Annexed,*

90. 1. *Similar account of what every clergyman in the same hundreds, except the last, was assessed at upon the same occasion. [1 p.]*

Nov. 30.

91. Receipt of Sir William Russell for 580*l.* ship-money paid by George Buller on behalf of Sir Richard Buller, late sheriff of Cornwall, in full of 5,500*l.* charged upon that county by writ of 12th August 1636. [¾ p.]

Nov. 30.

92. Petition of Peter Richaut, owner of the Peter and Andrew of London, to the Lords of the Admiralty. The said ship is now

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marked for his Majesty's service by the Officers of the Navy, being fitted and ready to depart upon a voyage to Spain, for which petitioner has bought goods, ready to be shipped, of the value of 10,000*l.*, besides quantities of goods in Spain, for her re-lading for London. Prays that she may be released to proceed upon her voyage. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

Nov. 30.

93. Journal of Algernon Earl of Northumberland of the fleet under his command from the 7th June to the 10th September 1637. The only circumstances commemorated of any note are the passage of the Prince Elector and Prince Robert, as he is termed; the loss of the Fifth Whelp; the despatch of Capt. Fielding to distribute licences to the Holland busses; the sending a supply to Capt. Rainsborough, at Sallee; and the extreme badness of the weather during the Earl's voyage to the west. [*Endorsed by Nicholas as received this day.* 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ pp.]

Nov. 30.

94. Petition of Alexander Harris, deputy for saltpetre in London and its circuit, to the Commissioners for making Saltpetre. On the late settling of the proportions and seven years' time to all the other deputies, and but three to petitioner, because his weekly quantity was newly apportioned and therefore doubtful how in that time he may exhaust the already weak grounds, which in reason he neither can nor may do, except he destroy his own stock. Therefore he submits to the proportion and time of seven years, beseeching that Mr. Burrowes may be his assistant for mortality's sake. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

Nov. 30.

Whitehall.

Lords of the Admiralty to Sir William Russell. We understand, by certificate of the Comptroller and Surveyor of the Navy, that the merchant ships that served at sea this last summer, by keeping short of the number of men, saved in victuals and wages about 1,374*l.* We pray you to consider the said certificate, and also the charter-party made with the owners of the merchant ships, and certify us how it stands upon the charter-party between his Majesty and the owners, that thereupon we may take such order as is fit. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 71 b.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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Whitehall.

Order of the same Lords upon petition of Richard Jolliffe, Benjamin Newland, Edward Pratt, Edward Bostock, and others. Petitioners had petitioned the King, showing that in May 1632 they set forth for [from?] the Isle of Wight a bark called the Unity, laden with tobacco, bound for Flushing, which in her way was taken by a man-of-war of Dunkirk, and carried thither and sold, by reason (they said) that tobacco was victual. Petitioners demanded a copy of the sentence, which they utterly refused, and petitioners sent to Brussels for counsel, and the doctors said they had made an edict amongst themselves, and that must go for law. Whereupon petitioners prayed his Majesty to grant them the like commission to be issued out of the Admiralty Court as was formerly issued to Soweth and Thompson. On the 6th May 1637, his Majesty referred the petition to the Lords of the Admiralty; and petitioners, by a

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further petition, showed the said Lords that Sir Henry Marten would not certify their losses without direction from the said Lords. The Lords thereupon this day referred it to Sir Henry Marten to examine the facts of the said case, and certify the same under seal; and also to certify whether the Lords might not take order for letters of reprisal. [*Copy. See Vol. cccliii., fol. 72. 1 p.*]

Nov. 30. Appointment by Bishop Juxon, Lord Treasurer, Robert Earl of Lindsey, Great Chamberlain, Edward Earl of Dorset, Lord Chamberlain to the Queen, Montjoy Earl of Newport, Master of the Ordnance, Francis Lord Cottington, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Master of the Court of Wards, Sir Henry Vane, Comptroller of the Household, and Secs. Coke and Windebank, being the commissioners for saltpetre, of Leonard Pinckney and David Stevenson to be their deputies in cos. Cambridge, Huntingdon, Rutland, and Lincoln, with the Isle of Ely and the University of Cambridge. [*See Case D., Charles I., No. 19. Skin of parchment.*]

Nov. 30. Commissioners for Saltpetre and Gunpowder to Montjoy Earl of Newport. To issue 24 barrels of gunpowder at 18*d.* per pound for furnishing the Dover Merchant, the same to be delivered to Edmund Beane, of London, skinner. [*Minute. See Vol. ccclv., No. 61, p. 4. ¼ p.*]

Nov. 30. 95. Capt. James Duppa to Sir Dudley Carleton. Please to peruse the order made by Sir Abraham Williams and myself, not without the knowledge of others, as soon as the sickness gave us leave to come together. Of late a silly fellow, no inhabitant or brewer, desires also to be admitted, and, as I conceive, only to disturb the business. If the Lords hold it fit that there should be one more, we desire it may be a freeman. [*½ p.*] *Annexed,*

95. 1. *Order of Sir Abraham Williams and Capt. James Duppa, commissioners for malting and brewing, of the 9th August 1637, upon a certificate of the corporation of Shrewsbury, that William Rowley, William King, Isaac Scott, and Thomas Harris are fit persons and a competent number to supply Shrewsbury with beer and ale. [Copy. ½ p.]*

Nov. 30. 96. The same to the Licensed Brewers of Kent. The bearer, Westminster. Thomas Woodcott, of Gravesend, being appointed by the commissioners to be the first master of your corporation and to sue out your letters patent, has been very industrious in settling the same. The letters patent will cost a large sum. I have proportioned the sum equally upon you, that is to say, 20*s.* apiece, and have appointed him to collect the same. [*1 p.*]

Nov. 30. 97. Sir Thomas Walsingham to Sir William Becher. Henry Delver, one of Sir William Barne's company, having submitted himself to be conformable at musters, entreats to be discharged. [*¾ p.*]

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98. An account by Sir William Becher, clerk of the Council in attendance during the month of November, of businesses concerning his Majesty's service left unfinished at the end of that month. They were, a reference to Lord Cottington and the Secretaries concerning a contribution from Bristol with the other western ports towards the charges of suits in France for the indemnity of English merchants; letter to the Lord Deputy respecting the erection of a mint in Ireland; warrant for demolition of divers buildings stayed for further consideration; returns of the Earl of Newport and other commissioners appointed to visit the King's forts to be considered before Christmas; the King will appoint a time to consider whether the guard should be exempted from finding arms at musters. [$\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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99. Petition of Noah Clyffe to the Council. Petitioner is possessed for five or six years to come of a cottage in Long Acre, which was erected about 20 years past, and for 16 years has been in the tenure of — Read. A complaint has been exhibited to the Lords against petitioner for the said cottage, which he conceives to proceed upon a discontent of the tenant in reversion, because petitioner would not agree to sell to him at the price offered. As petitioner has lately paid a great fine to his Majesty for the said cottage, which money he borrowed, and will secure the parish against the said Read, he prays to be dismissed from further attendance. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

Nov.

100. Sir John Coventry, Sir Robert Phillips, and John Symes, referees of a petition of William Walrond, presented against John Isham and William Bicknell, to the same. Report that Isham did receive certain persons into his house coming from Westminster in July 1636, which were his own children. Whereupon Walrond commanded Isham to contain himself and his family in his house, according to his Majesty's orders. Isham and his family conformed, saving one Luff, who went out by persuasion of Bicknell, who used him to carry his corn and conversed with him. Walrond, on complaint of the neighbourhood, sent a warrant of good behaviour against Bicknell and Luff. Whereupon the tithing-man coming to serve the warrant, Bicknell took the warrant and kept it, refusing to come before Walrond, and used very undecent and vile words both of Walrond and his warrant. All which we humbly certify. [1 p.]

Nov.

101. Petition of Lewis Harris, late under-sheriff of co. Oxford, to the same. The late sheriffs for two years of that county being complained of for being in arrear of the ship-money, petitioner was sent for by a messenger, in whose custody he remains. Within three weeks petitioner will undertake to pay in all the moneys he has collected, and before Candlemas term will perfect the accounts, and collect the remainder of the money, so that the now sheriff make him a warrant to do the same, and that the under-sheriff of Sir Peter Wentworth may be joined with him in the service for the arrears on his account. Petitioner, being now engaged to do divers services for his Majesty at Westminster, prays for his discharge. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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102. Sir Robert Banister, late Sheriff of co. Northampton, to the same. That in the letter to be directed to him for collecting the

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arrears of ship-money there may be a clause respecting the sale of distresses inserted in former similar letters to precedent sheriffs. [$\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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103. Information of Edward Harrison that, under a warrant from Sir Robert Banister, he had distrained a mare belonging to Mr. Pilkington, vicar of Dodford, co. Northampton, and that Mr. Pilkington violently took it away. [$\frac{1}{4}$ p.]

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104. The like of Henry Morton, constable of Brigstock, co. Northampton, Christopher Munn, bailiff, and Nicholas Jackson. That after having collected 40*l.* out of 53*l.* 10*s.*, the amount of the layer upon that parish, Sir Robert Banister gave warrant to distrain, but that Thomas Barton, Anthony Harris, Robert Harriot, and Thomas Plot resisted the distress. Barton's wife said they would answer it before better men than the sheriff, and Harriot's wife said they would not pay their money to a fool. [*Endorsed as an application for a messenger.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.]

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Lambeth.

105. Archbishop Laud to Sir John Lambe, and to Dr. William Robinson, Samuel Hill, Richard Langham, all clergymen beneficed in co. Leicester and justices of peace, and to Reginald Burden, also a beneficed clergyman and one of the archbishop's commissaries for executing ecclesiastical jurisdiction *durante suspensione episcopi*. His Majesty, by his instructions to the sheriff of co. Leicester for assessing ship-money, provided that where any clergyman shall find himself grieved by any inequality or pressure put upon him, upon complaint to his diocesan, the sheriff, with such persons as the diocesan shall appoint, shall hear the complaint, and, if there be cause, shall relieve the complainant, or, if the complaint be frivolous, punish him. During the suspension of the Bishop of Lincoln the archbishop appoints the persons addressed to hear such complaints. [*First draft in the handwriting of Sir John Lambe. Underwritten is a list of names apparently to be submitted to the archbishop, and from which those before mentioned were selected.* 2 pp.]

Nov.

106. Christopher Dighton to the Council. Answer to a petition of Capt. Roger Haughton. Petitioner complains that he brought his soldiers to Gravesend about noon on the 2nd inst., and that they were detained there until noon on the following day. The answer is that the captain did not deliver his warrant till about 4 o'clock, when Dighton denied clearing the ship, because after his clearing they not presently departing might in the night-time take in goods and passengers, and so depart without warrant for them, the like having been attempted and acted. The next morning Dighton went aboard and cleared the ship at 8 o'clock, which might then have departed, but they wanted provisions for the voyage [to Calais], which afterwards were carried aboard, therefore it is unlikely they would have departed over-night. The 6*d.* for every passenger, which he took from them, was the accustomed fee, and detaining the captain's warrant and giving him a copy was the usual course. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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107. Draft of part of an order or proposed order of Council respecting the application of the profits of the rectory of Colyton, which belonged to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. [= $\frac{1}{3}$ p.]

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108. Michael Oldisworth to Sir William Becher. Mr. Geere entering his appearance, and undertaking to show arms in future, it is his Lordship's [the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery's] desire that he be discharged. [1 p.]

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109. Articles objected in the High Commission against Henry Tailer, of Hardingham, Norfolk, and Susan, his wife. They are charged with being persons very factiously and schismatically disposed, and with having uttered railing and slanderous speeches against certain bishops and clergymen. Francis Briggs, a minister of the diocese of Norwich, having been degraded by the Bishop of Norwich, Henry Tailer said it was an absurd, ridiculous, and foolish thing, and that the bishop used to Briggs many scurvy idle words. On another occasion, some one reproving Henry Tailer for speaking in a derogatory manner of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop of Norwich, he said, "Why, what good did you ever hear of them, or know by them? It is a pity they were made bishops." Again, that Henry Tailer endeavoured to insinuate into the minds of divers persons that the Archbishop of Canterbury is a favourer of popery; and speaking of his speech on the condemnation of Bastwick, Burton, and Prynne, he said that it was a most ridiculous thing, and that his Grace was but meanly thought of for it, and that his Grace maintained therein that there ought to be done real adoration, worship, and reverence to the very communion table, and that upon this opinion of his Grace the papists bought up the speech, so that they grew scarce and dear. Of the *Antidotum Lincolnense* by Dr. Heylin, Henry Tailer said it was full of rage, choler, and malice, and a simple piece, and that the doctor was an unworthy fellow. Again, Henry Tailer said that when clergymen grew bishops they all grew lazy. Also Susan Tailer, being at Mr. Thwayte's at Hardingham, jeered at the service of the Church of England, and said she wished she was at London, and that it were as good be at mass as at such service. Also, that she had denied the right of the clergy to tithes, and affirmed that it was utterly unlawful for priests to have wives. [2 $\frac{1}{4}$ pp.]

[Nov. ?]

110. "Mr. Joie's [Joy's] notes of abuses at Bugbrook," co. Northampton. The patron, Mr. Wallop, had hired clergymen at small salaries to do the duty, living himself in the parsonage house and receiving the income of the rectory, worth 300*l.* per annum. These notes relate to the times of three successive rectors, named Newton, Middleton, and Cole. [$\frac{1}{2}$ p.]

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111. Catalogue of books to be sent over from [Ireland?] to my lord and master, Viscount Conway and Killultagh; comprises nearly 500 books, many of them now unknown. [24 pp., of which 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ are blank.]

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112. List of all the certificates and books of collections received out of the counties within the jurisdiction of the county at Ludlow concerning the reparation of St. Paul's Church. [1 p.]

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113. Notes of the various certificates returned from Shrewsbury respecting the appointment of William Rowley, William King, Isaac Scott, Thomas Harris, and either Edward Clarke or — Baker, to be licensed for brewers for that town. [$\frac{2}{3}$ p.]

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The peculiarities of the Scottish dialect are well illustrated in this metrical version of Boece's work, and the student of language will here find ample materials for comparison with the English dialects of the same period, and with modern lowland Scotch.

7. **JOHANNIS CAPGRAVE LIBER DE ILLUSTRIBUS HENRICIS. Edited by the Rev. F. C. HINGESTON, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1858.**

This work is dedicated to Henry VI. of England, who appears to have been, in the author's estimation, the greatest of all the Henries. It is divided into three distinct parts, each having its own separate dedication. The first part relates only to the history of the Empire, and extends from the election of Henry I., the Fowler, to the end of the reign of the Emperor Henry VI. The second part is devoted to English history, and extends from the accession of Henry I. in the year 1100, to the year 1446 which was the twenty-fourth year of the reign of King Henry VI. The third part contains the lives of illustrious men who have borne the name of Henry in various parts of the world.

Capgrave was born in 1393, in the reign of Richard II., and lived during the Wars of the Roses, for the history of which period his work is of some value.

8. **HISTORIA MONASTERII S. AUGUSTINI CANTUARIENSIS, by THOMAS OF ELMHAM, formerly Monk and Treasurer of that Foundation. Edited by CHARLES HARDWICK, M.A., Fellow of St. Catharine's Hall, and Christian Advocate in the University of Cambridge. 1858.**

This history extends from the arrival of St. Augustine in Kent until 1191. Prefixed is a chronology as far as 1418, which shows in outline what was to have been the character of the work when completed. The only copy known is in the possession of the Master and Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge. The author's name does not occur ; but the internal evidence in the Chronicle shows that he was a monk of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, and treasurer of that foundation. He was connected with Norfolk, and most probably with Elmham, whence he derived his name.

9. **EULOGIUM (HISTORIARUM SIVE TEMPORIS) : Chronicon ab Orbe condito usque ad Annum Domini 1366 ; a Monacho quodam Malmesbiriensi exaratum. Vols. I., II., and III. Edited by F. S. HAYDON, Esq., B.A. 1858-1863.**

This is a Latin Chronicle extending from the Creation to the latter part of the reign of Edward III., and written by a monk of the Abbey of Malmesbury, in Wiltshire, about the year 1367. A continuation, carrying the history of England

down to the year 1413, was added in the former half of the fifteenth century by an author whose name is not at present known. The original Chronicle is divided into five books. It contains a history of the world generally, but more especially of England down to the year 1366. The continuation extends the history down to the coronation of Henry V. The Eulogium itself is chiefly valuable as containing a history, by a contemporary, of the period between 1356 and 1366. The notices of events appear to have been written very soon after their occurrence. Among other interesting matter, the Chronicle contains a diary of the Poitiers campaign, evidently furnished by some person who accompanied the army of the Black Prince. The continuation of the Chronicle is also the work of a contemporary, and gives a very interesting account of the reigns of Richard II. and Henry IV. It is believed to be the earliest authority for the statement that the latter monarch died in the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster.

10. MEMORIALS OF HENRY THE SEVENTH: Bernardi Andreae Tholosatis Vita Regis Henrici Septimi; necnon alia quædam ad eundem Regem spectantia. Edited by JAMES GAIRDNER, Esq. 1858.

The contents of these volumes are—(1) a life of Henry VII., by his poet laureate and historiographer, Bernard André, of Toulouse, with some compositions in verse, of which he is supposed to have been the author; (2) the journals of Roger Machado during certain embassies on which he was sent by Henry VII. to Spain and Brittany, the first of which had reference to the marriage of the King's son, Arthur, with Catharine of Arragon; (3) two curious reports by envoys sent to Spain in the year 1505 touching the succession to the Crown of Castile, and a project of marriage between Henry VII. and the Queen of Naples; and (4) an account of Philip of Castile's reception in England in 1506. Besides these, other documents of interest in connexion with the period are given in an appendix.

11. MEMORIALS OF HENRY THE FIFTH. I.—Vita Henrici Quinti, Roberto Redmanno auctore. II.—Versus Rhythmici in laudem Regis Henrici Quinti. III.—Elmhami Liber Metricus de Henrico V. Edited by CHARLES A. COLE, Esq. 1858.

This volume contains three treatises which more or less illustrate the history of the reign of Henry V., viz.: A Life by Robert Redman; a Metrical Chronicle by Thomas Elmham, prior of Lenton, a contemporary author; Versus Rhythmici, written apparently by a monk of Westminster Abbey, who was also a contemporary of Henry V. These works are reprinted for the first time in the present volume.

12. MUNIMENTA GILDHALLÆ LONDONIENSIS; Liber Albus, Liber Custumarum, et Liber Horn, in archivis Gildhallæ asservati. Vol. I., Liber Albus. Vol. II. (in Two Parts), Liber Custumarum. Vol. III., Translation of the Anglo-Norman Passages in Liber Albus, Glossaries, Appendices, and Index. Edited by HENRY THOMAS RILEY, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law. 1859–1862.

The manuscript of the *Liber Albus*, compiled by John Carpenter, Common Clerk of the City of London in the year 1419, a large folio volume, is preserved in the Record Room of the City of London. This work gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of that City in the twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and early part of the fifteenth centuries.

The *Liber Custumarum* was compiled probably by various hands in the early part of the fourteenth century during the reign of Edward II. The manuscript, a folio volume, is also preserved in the record room of the City of London, though some portion of it, in its original state, borrowed from the City in the reign of Queen Elizabeth and never returned, now forms part of the Cottonian MS. Claudius D. II. in the British Museum. This work gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of the City of London in the twelfth, thirteenth, and early part of the fourteenth centuries.

13. *CHRONICA JOHANNIS DE OXENEDES.* Edited by Sir HENRY ELLIS, K.H. 1859.

Although this Chronicle tells of the arrival of Hengist and Horsa in England in the year 449, yet it substantially begins with the reign of King Alfred, and comes down to the year 1292, where it ends abruptly. The history is particularly valuable for its notices of events in the eastern portions of the kingdom, which are not to be elsewhere obtained, and some curious facts are mentioned relative to the floods in that part of England, which are confirmed in the Friesland Chronicle of Anthony Heinrich, pastor of the Island of Mohr.

14. *A COLLECTION OF POLITICAL POEMS AND SONGS RELATING TO ENGLISH HISTORY, FROM THE ACCESSION OF EDWARD III. TO THE REIGN OF HENRY VIII.* Vols. I. and II. Edited by THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A. 1859-1861.

These poems are perhaps the most interesting of all the historical writings of the period, though they cannot be relied on for accuracy of statement. They are very various in character; some of them are upon religious subjects, some may be called satires, and some give no more than a court scandal; but as a whole they present a very fair picture of society, and of the relations of the different classes to one another.

The period comprised is in itself very interesting, and brings us, through the decline of the feudal system, to what may be considered the beginning of our modern history. The songs in old English are of considerable interest to the philologist.

15. *The "OPUS TERTIUM," "OPUS MINUS," &c., of ROGER BACON.* Edited by J. S. BREWER, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. 1859.

This is the celebrated treatise—which, up to this time, had never been printed—so frequently referred to by the great philosopher in his works. It contains the fullest details we possess of the life and labours of Roger Bacon. The volume also contains a fragment by the same author, supposed to be unique, the "*Compendium Studii Theologiae*."

16. *BARTHOLOMÆI DE COTTON, MONACHI NORWICENSIS, HISTORIA ANGLICANA.* 449-1298. Edited by HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1859.

The author, a monk of Norwich, has here given us a Chronicle of England from the arrival of the Saxons in 449 to the year 1298, in or about which year it appears that he died. The latter portion of this history (the whole of the reign of Edward I. more especially) is of great value, as the writer was contemporary with the events which he records. An Appendix contains several illustrative documents connected with the previous narrative.

17. *BRUT Y TYWYSOGION; or, The Chronicle of the Princes of Wales.* Edited by the Rev. J. WILLIAMS AB ITHEL. 1860.

This work, which is also known as "*The Chronicle of the Princes of Wales*," has been attributed to Caradoc of Llancarvan, who flourished about the middle of the twelfth century. It is written in the ancient Welsh language, and begins with the abdication and death of Caedwala at Rome, in the year 681, and continues the history down to the subjugation of Wales by Edward I., about the year 1282.

18. *A COLLECTION OF ROYAL AND HISTORICAL LETTERS DURING THE REIGN OF HENRY IV.* Edited by the Rev. F. C. HINGESTON, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1860.

This volume, like all the others in the series containing a miscellaneous selection of letters, is valuable on account of the light it throws upon biographical history, and the familiar view it presents of characters, manners, and events of the time. The period (1399 to 1413) required much elucidation; and the volume will materially contribute to that desirable end.

19. **THE REPRESSOR OF OVER MUCH BLAMING OF THE CLERGY.** By REGINALD PECOCK, sometime Bishop of Chichester. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* CHURCHILL BABINGTON, B.D., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1860.

The "Repressor" may be considered the earliest piece of good theological disquisition of which our English prose literature boast. The author was born about the end of the fourteenth century, was consecrated Bishop of St. Asaph in the year 1444, and translated to the see of Chichester in 1450. While Bishop of St. Asaph, he zealously defended his brother prelates from the attacks of those who censured the bishops for their neglect of duty. He maintained that it was no part of a bishop's functions to appear in the pulpit, and that his time might be more profitably spent, and his dignity better maintained, in the performance of works of a higher character. Among those who thought differently were the Lollards, and it is against their general doctrines that the "Repressor" is directed. Pecock took up a position midway between that of the Roman Church and that of the modern Anglican Church; but his work is interesting chiefly because it gives a full account of the views of the Lollards and of the arguments by which they were supported, and because it assists us to ascertain the state of feeling which ultimately led to the Reformation. Apart from religious matters, the light thrown upon contemporaneous history is very small, but the "Repressor" has very great value for the philologist, as it tells us what were the characteristics of the language in use among the cultivated Englishmen of the fifteenth century. Pecock, though an opponent of the Lollards, showed a certain spirit of toleration, for which he received, towards the end of his life, the usual mediæval reward—persecution.

20. **ANNALES CAMBRIÆ.** *Edited by* the Rev. J. WILLIAMS AB ITHEL. 1860.

These annals, which are in Latin, commence in the year 447, and come down to the year 1288. The earlier portion appears to be taken from an Irish Chronicle, which was also used by Tigemadé, and by the compiler of the Annals of Ulster. During its first century it contains scarcely anything relating to Britain, the earliest direct concurrence with English history is relative to the mission of Augustine. Its notices throughout though brief, are valuable. The annals were probably written at St. David's, by Blegewryd, Archdeacon of Llandaff, the most learned man in his day in all Cymru.

21. **THE WORKS OF GIRALDUS CAMBRENSIS.** Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* J. S. BREWER, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. Vols. V. and VI. *Edited by* the Rev. JAMES F. DIMOCK, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1861–1868.

The first three volumes contain the historical works of Gerald du Barry, who lived in the reigns of Henry II., Richard I., and John, and attempted to re-establish the independence of Wales by restoring the see of St. Davids to its ancient primacy. His works are of a very miscellaneous nature, both in prose and verse, and are remarkable chiefly for the racy and original anecdotes which they contain relating to contemporaries. He is the only Welsh writer of any importance who has contributed so much to the mediæval literature of this country, or assumed, in consequence of his nationality, so free and independent a tone. His frequent travels in Italy, in France, in Ireland, and in Wales, gave him opportunities for observation which did not generally fall to the lot of mediæval writers in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, and of these observations Giraldus has made due use.

Only extracts from these treatises have been printed before, and almost all of them are taken from unique manuscripts.

The *Topographia Hibernica* (in Vol. V.) is the result of Giraldus' two visits to Ireland. The first in the year 1183, the second in 1185–6, when he accompanied Prince John into that country. Curious as this treatise is, Mr. Dimock is of opinion that it ought not to be accepted as sober truthful history, for Giraldus himself states that truth was not his main object, and that he compiled the work for the purpose of sounding the praises of Henry the Second. Elsewhere, however, he declares that he had stated nothing in the *Topographia* of the truth of which he was not well assured, either by his own eyesight or by the testimony,

with all diligence elicited, of the most trustworthy and authentic men in the country; that though he did not put just the same full faith in their reports as in what he had himself seen, yet, as they only related what they had themselves seen, he could not but believe such credible witnesses. A very interesting portion of this treatise is devoted to the animals of Ireland. It shows that he was a very accurate and acute observer, and his descriptions are given in a way that a scientific naturalist of the present day could hardly improve upon.

The *Expugnatio Hibernica* was written about the year 1188, and may be regarded rather as a great epic than a sober relation of facts occurring in his own days. No one can peruse it without coming to the conclusion that it is rather a poetical fiction than a prosaic truthful history.

Vol. VI. contains the *Itinerarium Kambriæ et Descriptio Kambriæ*.

22. **LETTERS AND PAPERS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE WARS OF THE ENGLISH IN FRANCE DURING THE REIGN OF HENRY THE SIXTH, KING OF ENGLAND.** Vol. I., and Vol. II. (in Two Parts). *Edited by* the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A., of University College, Durham, and Vicar of Leighton Buzzard. 1861-1864.

The letters and papers contained in these volumes are derived chiefly from originals or contemporary copies extant in the Bibliothèque Impériale, and the Dépôt des Archives, in Paris. They illustrate the line of policy adopted by John Duke of Bedford and his successors during their government of Normandy, and such other provinces of France as had been acquired by Henry V. We may here trace, step by step, the gradual declension of the English power, until we are prepared to read of its final overthrow.

23. **THE ANGLO-SAXON CHRONICLE, ACCORDING TO THE SEVERAL ORIGINAL AUTHORITIES.** Vol. I., Original Texts. Vol. II., Translation. *Edited and translated by* BENJAMIN THORPE, Esq., Member of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Munich, and of the Society of Netherlandish Literature at Leyden. 1861.

This Chronicle, extending from the earliest history of Britain to the year 1154, is justly the boast of England; for no other nation can produce any history, written in its own vernacular, at all approaching it, either in antiquity, truthfulness, or extent, the historical books of the Bible alone excepted. There are at present six independent manuscripts of the Saxon Chronicle, ending in different years, and written in different parts of the country. In the present edition, the text of each manuscript is printed in columns on the same page, so that the student may see at a glance the various changes which occur in orthography, whether arising from locality or age.

24. **LETTERS AND PAPERS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE REIGNS OF RICHARD III. AND HENRY VII.** Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* JAMES GAIRDNER, Esq. 1861-1863.

The Papers are derived from MSS. in the Public Record Office, the British Museum, and other repositories. The period to which they refer is unusually destitute of chronicles and other sources of historical information, so that the light obtained from these documents is of special importance. The principal contents of the volumes are some diplomatic Papers of Richard III.; correspondence between Henry VII. and Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain; documents relating to Edmund de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk; and a portion of the correspondence of James IV. of Scotland.

25. **LETTERS OF BISHOP GROSSETESTE, illustrative of the Social Condition of his Time.** *Edited by* HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1861.

The Letters of Robert Grosseteste (131 in number) are here collected from various sources, and arranged in chronological order. They range in date from about 1210 to 1253, and relate to various matters connected not only with the political history of England during the reign of Henry III., but with its ecclesiastical condition. They refer especially to the diocese of Lincoln, of which Grosseteste was bishop. These Letters have not hitherto been collected, and the greater portion of them are now printed for the first time.

26. DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND. Vol. I. (in Two Parts) ; Anterior to the Norman Invasion. Vol. II. ; 1066-1200. *By* THOMAS DUFFUS HARDY, Esq., Deputy Keeper of the Public Records. 1862-1865.

The object of this work is to publish notices of all known sources of British history, both printed and unprinted, in one continued sequence. The materials, when historical (as distinguished from biographical), are arranged under the year in which the latest event is recorded in the chronicle or history, and not under the period in which its author, real or supposed, flourished. Biographies are enumerated under the year in which the person commemorated died, and not under the year in which the life was written. This arrangement has two advantages : the materials for any given period may be seen at a glance ; and if the reader knows the time when an author wrote, and the number of years that had elapsed between the date of the events and the time the writer flourished, he will generally be enabled to form a fair estimate of the comparative value of the narrative itself. A brief analysis of each work has been added when deserving it, in which the original portions are distinguished from those which are mere compilations. When possible, the sources are indicated from which such compilations have been derived. A biographical sketch of the author of each piece has been added, and a brief notice has also been given of such British authors as have written on historical subjects.

27. ROYAL AND OTHER HISTORICAL LETTERS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE REIGN OF HENRY III. From the Originals in the Public Record Office. Vol. I., 1216-1235. Vol. II., 1236-1272. *Selected and edited by* the Rev. W. W. SHIRLEY, D.D., Regius Professor in Ecclesiastical History, and Canon of Christ Church, Oxford. 1862-1866.

The letters contained in these volumes are derived chiefly from the ancient correspondence formerly preserved in the Tower of London, and now deposited in the Public Record Office. They illustrate the political history of England during the growth of its liberties, and throw considerable light upon the personal history of Simon de Montfort. The affairs of France form the subject of many of these letters, more especially in regard to the province of Gascony. The entire collection consists of nearly 700 documents, the greater portion of which is now printed for the first time.

28. CHRONICA MONASTERII S. ALBANI. — 1. THOMÆ WALSINGHAM HISTORIA ANGLICANA ; Vol. I., 1272-1381 : Vol. II., 1381-1422. 2. WILLELMI RISHANGER CHRONICA ET ANNALES, 1259-1307. 3. JOHANNIS DE TROKELowe ET HENRICI DE BLANEFORDE CHRONICA ET ANNALES, 1259-1296 ; 1307-1324 ; 1392-1406. 4. GESTA ABBATUM MONASTERII S. ALBANI, A THOMA WALSINGHAM, REGNANTE RICARDO SECUNDO, EJUSDEM ECCLESIE PRÆCENTORE, COMPILATA ; Vol. I., 793-1290 : Vol. II., 1290-1349. *Edited by* HENRY THOMAS RILEY, Esq., M.A., of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge ; and of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law. 1863-1867.

In the first two volumes is a history of England, from the death of Henry III. to the death of Henry V., written by Thomas Walsingham, precentor of St. Albans and prior of the Cell of Wymundham, belonging to that abbey. Walsingham's work is printed from MS. VII. in the Arundel Collection in the College of Arms, London, a manuscript of the fifteenth century, collated with MS. 13 E. IX. in the King's Library, in the British Museum, and MS. VII. in the Parker Collection of Manuscripts at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

In the third volume is a Chronicle of English History, from 1259 to 1306, attributed to William Rishanger, monk of Saint Albans, who lived in the reign of Edward I., printed from the Cottonian Manuscript, Faustina B. IX. (of the fourteenth century) in the British Museum, collated with MS. 14 C. VII. (fols. 219-231) in the King's Library, British Museum, and the Cottonian Manuscript Claudius E. III., fols. 306-331 : Also an account of transactions attending the award of the kingdom of Scotland to John Balliol by King Edward I., 1291-1292,

from MS. Cotton. Claudius, D. VI., attributed to William Rishanger above mentioned, but on no sufficient ground: A short Chronicle of English History, from 1292 to 1300, by an unknown hand, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: A short Chronicle from 1297 to 1307, Willelmi Rishanger Gesta Edwardi Primi Regis Angliæ, from MS. 14 C. I. in the Royal Library, and MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI., with an addition of Annales Regum Angliæ, probably by the same hand: A fragment of a Chronicle of English History, 1299, 1300, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: A fragment of a Chronicle of English History, 1295 to 1300, from MS. Claudius D. VI.: and a fragment of a Chronicle of English History, 1285 to 1307, from MS. 14 C. I. in the Royal Library.

In the fourth volume is a Chronicle of English History, by an anonymous writer, 1259 to 1296, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: Also Annals of King Edward II., 1307 to 1323, by John de Trokelowe, a monk of St. Albans, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: A continuation of Trokelowe's Annals, 1323, 1324, by Henricus de Blanford, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: Also a full Chronicle of English History, by an anonymous writer of St. Albans, 1392 to 1406, from MS. VII. in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge: and an account of the past benefactors of St. Albans, written in the early part of the fifteenth century, from MS. VI. in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

In the fifth volume begins a history of the abbots of St. Albans, from 793 to the close of the fourteenth century, compiled by Thomas Walsingham, præcentor of St. Albans, from MS. Cotton. Claudius E. IV., in the British Museum. This is continued in the sixth volume.

29. **CHRONICON ABBATIE EVESHAMENSIS, AUCTORIBUS DOMINICO PRIORE EVESHAMLE ET THOMA DE MARLEBERGE ABBATE, A FUNDATIONE AD ANNUM 1213, UNA CUM CONTINUATIONE AD ANNUM 1418.** *Edited by the Rev. W. D. MACRAY, M.A., Bodleian Library, Oxford. 1863.*

The Chronicle of Evesham illustrates the history of that important monastery from its foundation by Egwin, about 690, to the year 1418. Its chief feature is an autobiography, which makes us acquainted with the inner daily life of a great abbey, such as but rarely has been recorded. Interspersed are many notices of general, personal, and local history which will be read with much interest. This work exists in a single MS., and is now for the first time printed.

30. **RICARDI DE CIRENCESTRIA SPECULUM HISTORIALE DE GESTIS REGUM ANGLIÆ.** Vol. I., 447-871. *Edited by JOHN E. B. MAYOR, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1863.*

Of the compiler of this work, which is in four parts, very little is known. In the prologue he calls himself Richard, a monk of Westminster, and at the end of the first part, Richard of Cirencester, a monk of St. Peter's, Westminster. One volume only, containing the first three books, has at present been published, the remainder is in the press, and will shortly appear. There is a continuation of the work down to the year 1348, which in due time will also be printed.

31. **YEAR BOOKS OF THE REIGN OF EDWARD THE FIRST.** Years 20-21, 30-31, and 32-33. *Edited and translated by ALFRED JOHN HORWOOD, Esq., of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law. 1863-1866.*

The volumes known as the "Year Books" contain reports in Norman-French of cases argued and decided in the Courts of Common Law. They may be considered to a great extent as the "lex non scripta" of England, and have been held in the highest veneration by the ancient sages of the law, and were received by them as the repositories of the first recorded judgments and dicta of the great legal luminaries of past ages. They are also worthy of the attention of the general reader on account of the historical information and the notices of public and private persons which they contain, as well as the light which they throw on ancient manners and customs.

32. **NARRATIVES OF THE EXPULSION OF THE ENGLISH FROM NORMANDY, 1449-1450.**—Robertus Blondelli de Reductione Normanniæ: Le Recouvrement de Normendie, par Berry, Hérault du Roy: Conférences between the Ambassadors of France and England. *Edited, from MSS. in the Imperial Library at Paris, by the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A., of University College, Durham.* 1863.

This volume contains the narrative of an eye-witness who details with considerable power and minuteness the circumstances which attended the final expulsion of the English from Normandy in the year 1450. The history commences with the infringement of the truce by the capture of Fougères, and ends with the battle of Formigny and the embarkation of the Duke of Somerset. The whole period embraced is less than two years.

33. **HISTORIA ET CARTULARIUM MONASTERII S. PETRI GLOUCESTRÆ.** Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by W. H. HART, Esq., F.S.A., Membre correspondant de la Société des Antiquaires de Normandie.* 1863-1867.

This work consists of two parts, the History and the Cartulary of the Monastery of St. Peter, Gloucester.

The history furnishes an account of the monastery from its foundation, in the year 681, to the early part of the reign of Richard II., together with a calendar of donations and benefactions. It treats principally of the affairs of the monastery, but occasionally matters of general history are introduced. Its authorship has generally been assigned to Walter Froucester, the twentieth abbot, but without any foundation.

34. **ALEXANDRI NECKAM DE NATURIS RERUM LIBRI DUO ; with NECKAM'S POEM, DE LAUDIBUS DIVINÆ SAPIENTIÆ.** *Edited by THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A.* 1863.

Neckam was a man who devoted himself to science, such as it was in the twelfth century.

In the "De Naturis Rerum" are to be found what may be called the rudiments of many sciences mixed up with much error and ignorance. Neckam was not thought infallible, even by his contemporaries, for Roger Bacon remarks of him, "this Alexander in many things wrote what was true and useful; but he neither can nor ought by just title to be reckoned among authorities."

Neckam, however, had sufficient independence of thought to differ from some of the schoolmen who in his time considered themselves the only judges of literature. He had his own views in morals, and in giving us a glimpse of them, as well as of his other opinions, he throws much light upon the manners, customs, and general tone of thought prevalent in the twelfth century.

The poem entitled "De Laudibus Divinæ Sapientiæ" appears to be a metrical paraphrase or abridgment of the "De Naturis Rerum." It is written in the elegiac metre; and though there are in it many lines which violate classical rules, it is, as a whole, above the ordinary standard of mediæval Latin.

35. **LEECHDOMS, WORTCUNNING, AND STARCRAFT OF EARLY ENGLAND ;** being a Collection of Documents illustrating the History of Science in this Country before the Norman Conquest. Vols. I., II., and III. *Collected and edited by the Rev. T. OSWALD COCKAYNE, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge.* 1864-1866.

This work illustrates not only the history of science, but the history of superstition. In addition to the information bearing directly upon the medical skill and medical faith of the times, there are many passages which incidentally throw light upon the general mode of life and ordinary diet. The volumes are interesting not only in their scientific, but also in their social aspect. The manuscripts from which they have been printed are valuable to the Anglo-Saxon scholar for the illustrations they afford of the Anglo-Saxon orthography.

36. **ANNALES MONASTICI.** Vol. I. :—*Annales de Margan, 1066–1232; Annales de Theokesberia, 1066–1263; Annales de Burton, 1004–1263.* Vol. II. :—*Annales Monasterii de Wintonia, 519–1277; Annales Monasterii de Waverleia, 1–1291.* Vol. III. :—*Annales Prioratus de Dunstaplia, 1–1297; Annales Monasterii de Bermundeseia, 1042–1432.* *Edited by* HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, and Registry of the University, Cambridge. 1864–1866.

The present collection of Monastic Annals embraces all the more important chronicles compiled in the different religious houses in England during the thirteenth century. These distinct works are seven in number, and the extreme period which they embrace ranges from the year 1 to 1432, although they refer more especially to the reigns of John, Henry III., and Edward I. Some of these narratives have already appeared in print, but others are now printed for the first time.

37. **MAGNA VITA S. HUGONIS EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS.** From Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and the Imperial Library, Paris. *Edited by* the Rev. JAMES F. DIMOCK, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1864.

This work contains a number of very curious and interesting incidents, and, being the work of a contemporary, is very valuable, not only as a truthful biography of a celebrated ecclesiastic, but as the work of a man who, from personal knowledge, gives notices of passing events, as well as of individuals who were then taking active part in public affairs.

The author, in all probability, was Adam Abbot of Evesham. He was domestic chaplain and private confessor of Bishop Hugh, and in these capacities he was admitted to the closest intimacy. Bishop Hugh was Prior of Witham for 11 years before he became Bishop of Lincoln. His consecration took place on the 21st September 1186; he died on the 16th of November 1200; and was canonized in 1220.

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The authorship of the Chronicle in Vol. I., hitherto ascribed to Geoffrey Vinesauf, is now more correctly ascribed to Richard, Canon of the Holy Trinity of London. The narrative extends from 1187 to 1199; but its chief interest consists in the minute and authentic narrative which it furnishes us of the exploits of Richard I., from his departure from England in December 1189 to his death in 1199. The author states in his prologue that he was an eye-witness of much that he records; and various incidental circumstances which occur in the course of the narrative confirm this assertion.

The Letters in Vol. II., written between 1187 and 1199, are of value as furnishing authentic materials for the history of the ecclesiastical condition of England during the reign of Richard I. They had their origin in a dispute which arose from the attempts of Baldwin and Hubert, archbishops of Canterbury, to found a college of secular canons, a project which gave great umbrage to the monks of Canterbury, who saw in it a design to supplant them in their function of metropolitan chapter. These letters are printed, for the first time, from a MS., belonging to the archiepiscopal library at Lambeth.

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This curious chronicle extends from the fabulous period of history down to the return of Edward IV. to England in the year 1471, after the second deposition of Henry VI. The manuscript from which the text of this work is taken is preserved in the Imperial Library at Paris, and is believed to be the only complete and nearly contemporary copy now in existence. The work, as originally bound, was comprised in six volumes, since rebound in morocco in 12 volumes, folio maximo, vellum, and is illustrated with exquisite miniatures, vignettes, and initial letters. It was written towards the end of the fifteenth century, having been expressly executed for Louis de Bruges, Seigneur de la Gruthuyse and Earl of Winchester, from whose cabinet it passed into the library of Louis XII. at Blois.

This work has also been translated into English.

41. POLYCHRONICON RANULPHI HIGDEN, with Trevisa's Translation. Vol. I. *Edited by* CHURCHILL BABINGTON, B.D., Senior Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1865.

This is one of the many mediæval chronicles which assume the character of a history of the world. It begins with the creation and is brought down to the author's own time, the reign of Edward III. Prefixed to the historical portion of the work is a chapter devoted to geography, in which is given a description of every known land.

To say that the Polychronicon was written in the fourteenth century is to say that it is not free from inaccuracies. It has, however, a value apart from its intrinsic merits. It enables us to form a very fair estimate of the knowledge of history and geography which well-informed readers of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries possessed, for it was then the standard work on general history.

The two English translations, which are printed with the original Latin, afford interesting illustrations of the gradual change of our language, for one was made in the fourteenth century, the other in the fifteenth. The differences between Trevisa's version and that of the unknown writer are often considerable.

42. LE LIVRE DE REIS DE BRITTANIE E LE LIVRE DE REIS DE ENGLETERE. *Edited by* JOHN GLOVER, M.A., Vicar of Brading, Isle of Wight, formerly Librarian of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1865.

These two treatises, though they cannot rank as independent narratives, are nevertheless valuable as careful abstracts of previous historians, especially "Le Livre de Reis de Engleterre." Some various readings are given which are interesting to the philologist as instances of semi-Saxonized French.

It is supposed that Peter of Ickham must have been the author, but no certain conclusion on that point has been arrived at.

43. CHRONICA MONASTERII DE MELSA, AB ANNO 1150 USQUE AD ANNUM 1406. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* EDWARD AUGUSTUS BOND, Esq., Assistant Keeper of the Manuscripts, and Egerton Librarian, British Museum. 1866-1867.

The Abbey of Meaux was a Cistercian house, and the work of its abbot is both curious and valuable. It is a faithful and often minute record of the establishment of a religious community, of its progress in forming an ample revenue, of its struggles to maintain its acquisitions, and of its relations to the governing institutions of the country. In addition to the private affairs of the monastery, some light is thrown upon the public events of the time, which are however kept distinct, and appear at the end of the history of each abbot's administration. The text has been printed from what is said to be the autograph of the original compiler, Thomas de Burton, the nineteenth abbot.

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The exact date at which this work was written is, according to the chronicler 1250. The history is of considerable value as an illustration of the period during which the author lived, and contains a good summary of the events which followed the Conquest. This minor chronicle is, however, based on another work (also written by Matthew Paris), which gives fuller details, and which has been called the 'Historia Major.' The chronicle now published, nevertheless, gives some information which is not to be found in the greater history.

45. *LIBER MONASTERII DE HYDA: A CHRONICLE AND CHARTULARY OF HYDE ABBEY, WINCHESTER, 455–1023.* *Edited, from a Manuscript in the Library of the Earl of Macclesfield, by EDWARD EDWARDS, Esq.* 1866.

The "Book of Hyde" is a compilation from much earlier sources, which are usually indicated with considerable care and precision. In many cases, however, the Hyde chronicler appears to correct, to qualify, or to amplify—either from tradition or from sources of information not now discoverable—the statements which, in substance, he adopts. He also mentions, and frequently quotes from, writers whose works are either entirely lost or at present known only by fragments.

There is to be found, in the "Book of Hyde," much information relating to the reign of King Alfred which is not known to exist elsewhere. The volume contains some curious specimens of Anglo-Saxon and Mediæval English.

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There is, in this volume, a legendary account of the peopling of Ireland and of the adventures which befell the various heroes who are said to have been connected with Irish history. The details are, however, very meagre both for this period and for the time when history becomes more authentic. The plan adopted in the chronicle gives the appearance of an accuracy to which the earlier portions of the work cannot have any claim. The succession of events is marked, year by year, from A.M. 1599 to A.D. 1150. The principal events narrated in the later portion of the work are the invasions of foreigners and the wars of the Irish among themselves. The text has been printed from a MS. preserved in the library of Trinity College, Dublin, and written partly in Latin, partly in Irish.

47. *THE CHRONICLE OF PIERRE DE LANGTOFT, IN FRENCH VERSE, FROM THE EARLIEST PERIOD TO THE DEATH OF EDWARD I.* Vol. I. *Edited by THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A.* 1866.

It is probable that Pierre de Langtoft was a canon of Bridlington, in Yorkshire, and that he lived in the reign of Edward I., and during a portion of the reign of Edward II. This chronicle is divided into three parts; in the first of which is an abridgment of Geoffrey of Monmouth's "Historia Britonum," in the second a history of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman kings, down to the death of Henry III., in the third a history of the reign of Edward I. The principal object of the work was apparently to show the justice of Edward's Scottish wars.

The language in which the chronicle is written is singularly corrupt, and is a curious specimen of the French of Yorkshire.

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The work in its present form, in the editor's opinion, is a comparatively modern version of an undoubtedly ancient original. That it was compiled from contemporary materials has been proved by curious incidental evidence. It is stated in the account given of the battle of Clontarf that the full tide in Dublin Bay on the day of the battle (23 April, 1014) coincided with sunrise; and that the returning tide in the evening aided considerably in the defeat of the Danes. The fact has been verified by astronomical calculations, and the inference is that the author of the chronicle, if not himself an eye-witness, must have derived his information from those who were eye-witnesses.

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This is a chronicle of the reigns of Henry II. and Richard I., known commonly under the name of Benedict of Peterborough, and is one of the best existing specimens of a class of historical compositions of the first importance to the genuine student.

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The purpose of this work is to supply materials for a History of Academical Life and Studies in the University of Oxford during the 13th, 14th, and 15th centuries.

51. *CHRONICA MAGISTRI ROGERI DE HOVEDENE. Vol. I. Edited by WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A.,* Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1868.

This work has long been justly celebrated, but not thoroughly understood until Mr Stubbs' edition. The earlier portion, extending from 732 to 1148, appears to be a copy of a compilation made in Northumbria about 1161, to which Hoveden added but little. From 1148 to 1169—a very valuable portion of this work—the matter is derived from another source, to which Hoveden appears to have supplied but little, and not always judiciously.

From 1170 to 1192 is the portion of the work which corresponds with the Chronicle known under the name of Benedict of Peterborough (*see* No. 49); but it is not a copy, being sometimes an abridgment, at others a paraphrase of it; occasionally the two works entirely agree, showing that both writers had access to the same materials, but dealt with them differently. From 1192 to 1201 may be said to be wholly Hoveden's work; it is extremely valuable, and an authority of the first importance.

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